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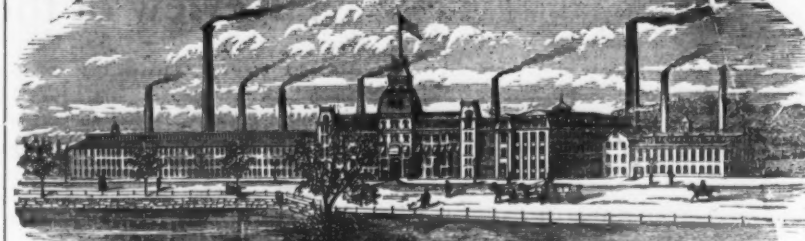
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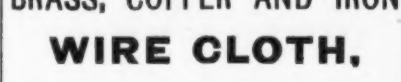
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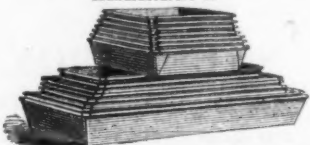
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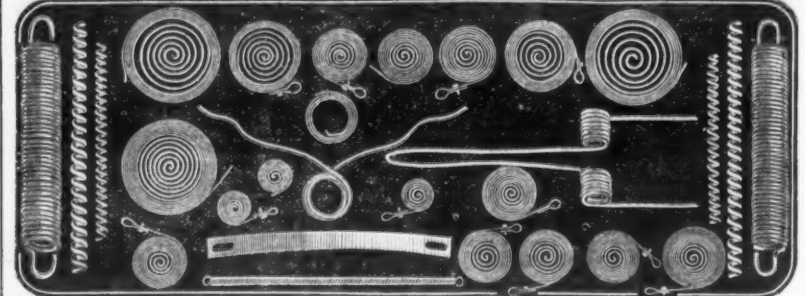
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The letter of "Champlain," published in our issue of the 19th ult., has called out the following response from Mr. Taylor:

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Oct. 21, 1876.
To the Editor of The Iron Age—DEAR SIR: Your correspondent "Champlain," in your issue of Oct. 19th, it would seem, infers that capitalists would scarcely examine my moderate estimate of the cost of making Bessemer pig iron in Virginia, and Scotch pig in West Virginia with the pure ores and coals so recently proven to exist in inexhaustible quantities.

By The Iron Age of Jan. 7th, 1875, I find that in Pennsylvania and New York in 1851 the average cost of pig iron at furnace was \$18.30, and in 22 years after, or 1873, it went up to \$32.41 per ton. It need not seem strange to "Champlain," as it is not to capitalists generally, and especially foreign investors, that the primitive lands in Virginia and West Virginia, where iron ore and coal lands can now be purchased at from \$1 up to \$10 an acre, according to locality, must and does offer to capitalists what no old and developed country can, and this has been fully attested by sales made during the past few years in those States. I can further assure "Champlain" that I mean exactly what I say in affirming that Bessemer pig can be made at a cost not to exceed \$12.51 per ton at furnace, from No. 16, No. 3, No. 6 and No. 5 ores from Virginia as analyzed by Prof. Genth, and given in your issue of Oct. 5th. Also, that the blackband pig iron made at the mouth of the Gauley River will not exceed \$9.23 actual cost to the purchaser of the lands, allowing full interest on capital employed. In addition to the blackband pig and Bessemer pig, almost every other variety of pig iron for foundry, bar, mill and car wheel purposes can be made equally cheap from the enormous deposits of red and brown hematites and fossil ores that are crossed by the C. & O. R. R., in Allegheny county, Virginia, between the coals and magnetic and specular ores. Mr. I. L. Bell, F. R. S., of England, reports in your issue of August 10, 1875, that he examined a deposit of brown hematite in Virginia, that was about 24 feet wide with a fall of 40 feet in height that yields 47 per cent. of metallic iron in the furnace. All the way down from Buffalo Gap to Covington ore of the description we are considering is to be met with, and in some places in larger quantities.

One of the largest coal owners and miners of the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania, Pardee, Firmstone & Co., have now a blast furnace called the Lucy Furnace, near Clifton Forge, on the C. & O. R. R. They use the above named ores, and the New River coke from Boyer's Ferry, Fayette county, West Virginia, 121 miles by the C. & O. R. R., west of the furnace. My estimate of smelting these red and brown hematites and fossil ores found near Clifton Forge and Covington with coke, from the New, Gauley, or Kanawha Rivers, a distance of say 125 miles by C. & O. R. R., with limestone at near Roncove, only 33 miles from furnace, showing 93.76 and 90.11 carbonate of lime, as used by the Quinnimont Furnace Company, Fayette county, would be as follows to the owners of the coal and ore lands:

24 tons ore.....	\$1.50.....	\$3.38
14 tons coke.....	1.50.....	2.75
Transportation 125 miles.....	1.35.....	.69
1.6 ton limestone at \$8.....		.50
Labor at present estimate for 30 to 50 tons per day, furnace.....		2.50
Interest on capital per ton.....		1.00

Cost at furnace..... \$10.82

Since my letter of Sept. 19 was written I find by an examination of the coals and iron ores on exhibition at the Centennial from every portion of the United States, as well as from almost every portion of the known world, that my statement published by you in your issue of Oct. 5, is more than sustained as to the low cost to make the best iron of every description, as compared with any place yet reported in the world, which arises from the fact of the great purity, proximity and immensity of the deposits of the ores, coals and limestones.

The deposit of hematite ores described by Mr. Bell is more than 20 miles long, and it is said it is greater in quantity than the celebrated Cleveland ore district of England, upon which 100 furnaces are kept running with ore, reported by Prof. Cox, of Indiana, who visited it in 1873, assaying only 32 per cent. metallic iron, while the Virginia ore gives 47 per cent. metallic iron in the furnace.

The Longdale Coal Company show in the West Virginia Building, exhibit No. 50, even less sulphur than I reported before, being as follows:

Coke from coal.....	93.00
Ash.....	6.75
Sulphur.....	.25
Total.....	100.00

Analyses of the 11 foot bituminous of the Gauley and Kanawha Company gave 10,000 feet of gas per ton, and candle power of the same 17.9. No. 302 specimen of bituminous coal from the Kanawha Semi-Cannel Company shows 18 candle power, while pure cannel coal shows from 25 to 32 candle power, as to locality. No. 308 specimen, from Davis and Brier Creek, show a blackband ore of 68.85 carbonate of iron, and it is claimed by its depositor that, thoroughly calcined or roasted, it will give 65 per cent. of iron.

Fayette county and Kanawha county, of West Virginia, show a most remarkable display of minerals, with timber of immense size, quality and quantity, which alone will soon be worth ten times more than what will yet buy many of the lands. All samples of timbers, coals and ores can yet be seen in the State building of West Virginia at the Centennial.

M. TAYLOR.

The Tunnel under the Hudson.

The work of excavating the tunnel which is to connect New York and Jersey City under the bed of the Hudson River progresses slowly, the company undertaking the work being still embarrassed by litigation, which they have not yet been able to force to a final settlement. It is probable, however, that the question of right of way will be decided in a few weeks in favor of the tunnel company. The company will then begin on the New York side, bore under the river and meet the workmen tunneling from the New Jersey side. The work on this side will begin at the foot of Morton street. The work is carried on under the direction of the Hudson Tunnel Company, incorporated under the general laws of the States of New York and New Jersey, and the capital, which is all subscribed, is \$10,000,000. The entrance to the tunnel on the Jersey side will be from Jersey avenue, and from that point to the New York bulkhead line the extent of boring to be done will exceed somewhat 5400 feet. The terminus in this city—probably in Hudson street—has yet to be selected by commissioners. The entire length of the tunnel and its approaches will be 12,000 feet—with depot tracks to be added—being about one mile under the river and nearly three-fourths of a mile on each side.

The engineer of the road, W. H. Paine, says the company purpose to employ as many men as can be successfully engaged in excavating and laying brick, changing the men each stretch of eight hours. Thus, by constant work, it is believed the tunnel can be advanced five feet from each and every day, and the whole work completed in two years.

The work was commenced in November, 1874, after extensive experimental borings down to the depth to be occupied by the tunnel. While occupied bricking the shaft, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad obtained an injunction stopping the work, and it was not until last month that the injunction was removed and the company enabled to get to work.

The depth of the shaft is a little over 70 feet, and the greatest depth of water under which the tunnel will pass is 60 feet. The extreme grade is 2 in 100 feet descending from Jersey City, and then, ascending on the New York side, 3 in 100 for 1300 feet, then 2 in 100 to the New York end. The borings already made show that the soil through which the tunnel will pass is, for the most part, of a tenacious silt, underlain by sandstone. Near the New York shore rocks are encountered and gravel, which is considered favorable for tunnel construction, not offering any serious difficulties to the builder, as would bare sand and mud. The tunnel walls will be constructed of brick and cement 3 feet in thickness and circular in form. The heights of the tunnel will be 24 feet and the width 36 feet. A double track will run through it, resting upon a stone ballast 5 feet from the bottom. The walls will be painted white and lighted with gas. Heavy steel rails will be used, which the company have already prepared. Pneumatic tubes, gas and water mains can run through the tunnel beneath the track, if desired, so that New York gas and water may be sent to Jersey.

When the tunnel is completed passengers can be carried, without change of cars, from the South and West, as well as from Newark, Paterson and Elizabeth. Freight trains will have transit at night, and milk trains early in the morning. The company propose to use their own locomotives to convey the cars through the tunnel. These will be very powerful, and will be run without bells or whistles, by signals, and will consume their own steam and smoke. All connecting railroads are to have an equal right to have their passengers and freight transported on equitable terms.

The company contemplates a tunnel beneath the East River, which will make the link complete and do away with the ferry boats as conveyors of freight, and obviate all the difficulties of fog and ice which now trouble the companies with railroad depots in this city.

The decision of Judge Deane in the Court of Errors and Appeals, on the application of Attorney General Vanatta for a permanent injunction has been filed in the office of the Secretary of State. The syllabus of the opinion is as follows:

1st. Lands under water, granted by the State to a corporation under the sub-section of the Riparian act are not lands belonging to the State within the meaning of the 38th section of the general Railroad act, although in such grant a rent payable to the State is observed, and power is given to re-enter the lands for the non-payment of rent.

2d. The right to re-enter and repossess the lands for non-payment of rent does not credit an estate in reversion.

This decision ends the legal controversy with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and permits the company to proceed with the work.

Comparative Cost of Illumination.

A number of experiments have been made lately in London to test the comparative cost of illumination with the various materials used for that purpose. Below is the result, the first column containing a description of the materials tested; the second, the price of the material in London, reckoning 24 cents to the shilling; the third column shows the duration of the light furnished for one cent, the light being reduced to equal one sperm candle. With the exception of the last named material, common gas, the prices do not vary sufficiently from those which prevail here to effect the value of the comparison. London gas is reputedly of inferior illuminating power, so that the economy of its use can scarcely be so much greater than ours as its cheapness would seem to indicate.

	h. m.
Standard sperm candles, per lb.....	\$0.48 1 7
Best wax candle, per lb.....	.48 1 6
Sperm oil in moderator, per gal.....	.28 1 12
Belmont sperm candle, per lb.....	.30 1 27
Stella, or Burness wax, per lb.....	.30 1 37
Petroleum candle, per lb.....	.36 2 15
Composite candle, No. 1, per lb.....	.28 2 5
Composite candle, No. 3, per lb.....	.16 2 45
Common dip candles, per lb.....	.12 2 34
Almond oil, in moderator, per gal.....	.22 3 ..
Colza, per gal.....	.120 4 37
Paraffin oil, in lamp, per gal.....	.72 9 33
Common gas, per 100 ft.....	.90 28 ..

The price of gas being about three times as great in most American cities as in London, no such marked advantage as appears in the table can accrue from its use on the score of cost. Still, it must rank among the most economical of artificial illuminations—at least three or four times as economical as common candles for a given amount of light.

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the latter showing clearly the construction of
the cup and internal parts. A A is an outer
brass casing, having the diamond shaped open-
ings, and being cast in one piece with the shank
B B. Within this casing is the oil vessel or
cylinder C C made of clear glass, for the pur-
pose of showing the quantity of oil contained.
The top and bottom joints are made on cork
washers D D (by screwing down the cap E E,
as shown), which, while preventing leakage,
are entirely unaffected by the oil, and, at the
same time, are sufficiently elastic to obvi-
ate any danger of breaking the glass
from unequal expansion. The conical
valve F is for regulating the supply of
oil, and its stem is chambered in the upper
part, as shown at I I, having four
orifices K K. The milled wheel H H
forms the top of the stem, the opening
to the chamber I I being closed by the
thumb-screw L. The spiral spring G
bears upon the top of the valve and the
cup E E, holding the valve down toward
the seat. A conical pointed set-screw
M passes through the milled wheel, and
bears upon the seat or nipple N. The
cap is filled by unscrewing the thumb-
screw L, the oil poured into the chamber
I and passing out at K. The feed is regu-
lated by the set-screw M, which, when
screwed down, raises the valve to the
proper point to allow of the desired flow
of oil, and when once adjusted the feed
can be stopped at any time without its
being altered. This is done by raising
the wheel H and turning it in either
direction until the set screw is clear of
the seat, when the action of the spring
G closes the valve and entirely pre-
vents the flow of oil. This arrangement,
and the nice adjustment of which the feed
is capable, renders the cup very economi-
cal, no more oil being used than is abso-
lutely necessary for properly lubricating
the bearing. In addition to their practical
qualities these cups are very ornamental,
and as there is no leakage possible, they
can always be kept clean and bright.
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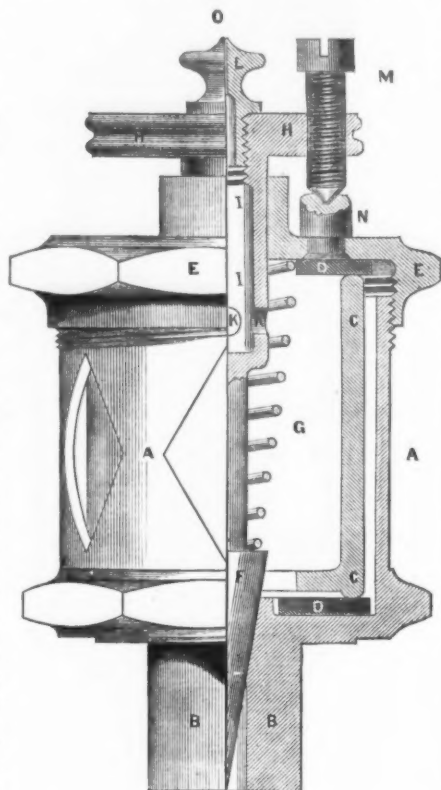
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portant industry, which involves a very heavy
aggregate of invested capital, many of the
manufactories being on a very large scale, and
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nices and other ornamental sheet metal work of
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used in buildings. The advantages possessed
by metallic cornices over those constructed
of wood or stone are too obvious to require com-
ment, as in addition to the superior lightness
and durability of the former they possess the
very desirable quality of cheapness, not only in
first cost, but also the ease with which any
necessary repairs or alterations may be effected.
The invention and use of machinery in different
branches of manufacture have almost invariably
been with a view to supersede the slow and ex-
pensive hand labor previously employed, and
were the result of an acknowledged and long
felt want. In the case of cornice machinery,
however, we find a reversal of the order of
cause and effect, from the fact that the machin-
ery preceded, and gave rise to the demand for
the article which it produced, creating an in-
dustry which without its use could not exist.
A machine of this class, manufactured by Cal-
vin Carr & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, is exhibited
in operation in Sec. B 3, Col. 28, Machinery
Hall. It is arranged for operating either by
hand or power, and is of the utmost simplicity
of construction. It is composed of three hori-
zontal rolls, having the necessary bearings and
adjustments, and a small vertical guide roll,
which may be adjusted in any desired position
in relation to the large rolls. The latter are
turned to suit the required curves and angles
of the molding to be formed, two of them (the
lower ones) being for the outside and the upper
one for the inside profile. They are arranged
as follows: A vertical housing carries the jour-
nal boxes of one pair of rolls, the lower one—
having the outer form—being stationary, while
the upper—which forms the inside—has a ver-
tical adjustment. Outside the journal of the
lower or stationary roll at the right hand is a
large gear driven by a small pinion, which is
operated either by a hand crank or belt and
pulley, as desired. On the left the two rolls are
connected by link expansion gears, two inter-
mediate ones being required to give the proper
motion. The third roll, having the outside pro-
file of the molding, is carried by an independ-
ent housing, and is capable of independent ver-
tical and horizontal adjustments for each end,
pivoting journal boxes being used. The guide
roll is at the left of the front, and is arranged
so that the sheet will always follow the shape
of the left edge, whether straight or curved.
Cylindrical or conical curves are made by the
use of the third roll, which is adjusted to give
the required radius and angle. A complete set
of these rolls for standard moldings—and spe-
cial ones if ordered—are furnished with each ma-
chine. Unfortunately, the machine is not in a
conspicuous location, and is apt to be over-

looked unless attention is specially directed to it.

BLAKE'S STONE CRUSHER,

manufactured and exhibited by the Blake
Crusher Company, of New Haven, Conn., is
located in Sec. A 53, Machinery Hall, where it
is shown in operation, crushing, with the great-
est ease, the hardest kinds of stone, devouring
huge cobble stones with apparent relish, and
dropping them beneath in fragments of a size
suitable for MacAdamized roads. Some idea
of the tremendous power of the machine may
be found from the fact that the motion of the
jaw, which is less than 1 inch, is derived from a
pair of fly-wheels, each of whose rims have a
cross-sectional area of about 24 square inches,
making over 4000 feet per minute. The moving
parts are but four in number, thus insuring
great simplicity, and all bearings which if worn
could possibly impair the operation of the ma-
chine are provided with devices by which it



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may be taken up as often as may be found
necessary. The frame is made very heavy at
the ends, where there is a transverse strain,
while the sides are made with a section which
will meet the tensile strain to which they are
subjected with an equal resistance, the metal in
both the ends and sides being calculated to give
a large margin of extra strength to provide
against accidents, such as feeding sledge ham-
mers and like material along with the stone.
We are informed by the exhibitor that the com-
pany have in their office the fragments of sev-
eral sledges which have inadvertently been
passed through their machines without the
slightest damage resulting to the latter. This
is certainly a pretty severe test of the strength
of the machine, and, we think, ought to be
convincing. The feet are cast in one piece with
the frame, and are very substantial. The mo-
tion is derived from an eccentric, which is turned
solid on the shaft, and is large enough to give
the proper throw without cutting into it. On
the eccentric is a heavy vibrator or link extend-
ing downward, and at the lower end forming
the center joint of a powerful toggle, the back
link of which bears against a shoe held between
lugs on the frame, so as to be restricted to a
horizontal motion. Between this and the end
of the frame is a heavy cast iron wedge, which,
when moved upward by means of a screw and
nut, shortens the distance from the fixed jaw.
The front link, working between the vibrator
and the moving jaw, renders the connection
complete, so that the raising of the vibrator by
the eccentric straightens the toggle, thereby
forcing the jaw outward with almost irresist-
ible force. The moving jaw is suspended by
the upper end, and has therefore a vibrating
motion. By raising the back wedge the jaws
may be made to work closer by five-eighths of
an inch, and further variations are secured by
means of extra toggles of different lengths.
These variations, as is apparent, are for the
purpose of reducing the stone to different sized
fragments, as may be required by the class of
work to be performed. Connected to the ex-
treme lower end of the moving jaw is a rod ex-
tending to the outside of the back end of ma-
chine, and through a cylindrical rubber spring,
which serves the purpose of bringing the jaw
back promptly as the toggle defects, the latter
not being fastened in any manner, but merely
slipped into its bearings. The jaws are faced
by loose corrugated plates of chilled iron, the
joint being a thin film of zinc, which gives a
perfectly solid bearing between the rough faces
of the castings. A heavy key, bearing the
whole length of the jaw, is driven down at one
edge and holds the plate securely in place.
When the plates become worn, which always
takes place at the lower end, they may be re-
versed and the sharp top edge brought to bear.
When completely worn out, they can be re-
placed by new ones, duplicates being generally
furnished with each machine. A machine of
this size, when properly fed, will break 7 cubic
yards of hard stone per hour, equal to about
9½ tons. The machine has received awards of
37 premiums at exhibitions in this and foreign
countries, including one at the Centennial. In
addition to the large machine described, another
space, A 53, is devoted to the exhibit of several

different sizes of smaller ones, including a
hand machine weighing, complete, but 100 lbs.,
for use in laboratories, &c., the construction of
which is a fac simile of the large machines.

THE HENDEY MACHINE CO.,

of Welcottville, Conn., exhibit one planing ma-
chine and two sizes of shaping machines of the
Manville pattern, all of which contain a very
excellent feature in the method of obtaining
the reciprocating motion. It embodies prin-
ciples radically different from other machines
of this class, which, for several reasons, appear
to be of exceptional merit. In planing ma-
chines the usual, or, we may say, the universal
manner of reversing, is by shifting the belts;
while in shapers, the crank motion is invariably
used. The Manville machines dispense with
both of these devices, and accomplish the change
of motion by means of a friction clutch, which
is both prompt and powerful in its action, and
precludes any possibility of slipping, or varia-
tion in the length of stroke, or point of reverse.
The motions are obtained by means of open
and crossed belts running upon loose pulleys
on the driving, or first pinion shaft, the usual
train of gearing being employed to give ample
power to the cut stroke; the return being ac-
complished by the same train without further
complication. Between the journal bearing of
the shaft and the inner pulley is a collar having
a short spiral slot. By means of the usual
shifter dogs and a rod connected to the collar,
it receives a slight oscillating motion, which is
changed to a longitudinal one by the spiral slot
and a lug working therein, causing each
pulley in turn to become fixed to and impart
its motion to the shaft. As the lateral motion
necessary to release one pulley and engage the
other is not more than one-sixteenth of
an inch, it is apparent that the reversal
of motion is almost instantaneous, and the
full power of the belt is obtained to the
very end of the stroke, which cannot be the
case where it has to be shifted. Every work-
man will appreciate the importance of this
feature, and the prompt and uniform change of
stroke at the end of cut, especially in planing
key-seats, or any work which requires the tool
to work up to any particular point. The ex-
treme simplicity of the device by which these
machines are operated, and the slight liability
to any wear which could at all impair its action
are also very strong qualities in its favor. The
head bar of the shaper is driven by a rack and
pinion motion, having a train of gearing and
the friction reverse, similar to that of the
planers, the range of work of which the ma-
chine is capable being thereby greatly extended
over that of the ordinary crank motion forms.
By the use of the shifter dogs the position of
the head and length of stroke may be varied
without stopping the machine, thus rendering
adjustment easy and rapid. A greater length
of stroke is possible by the use of the rack, and
the speed of the cut is always exactly the same,
regardless of the length of stroke. As the
driving belt does not shift, the use of a cone
pulley of two or more changes is possible on
both planers and shapers, which allows of the
machine being speeded to the maximum for
cast iron or brass, and a slower rate for steel
or material of similar nature. The exhibit, al-
though not extensive, is of more importance
than would appear from a casual glance, and is
worthy of careful examination. The location
is in Section D 35, Machinery Hall.

An Imitator of Thomassen.

Among the articles of baggage carried in
the express train which left Philadelphia for
New York via the Pennsylvania Railroad at 3:10
p. m. on Friday last, was a Saratoga trunk of
very ordinary appearance, which was placed in
the upper tier of trunks in the baggage car,
and handled the same as other baggage.

When the train, which was filled with Cen-
tennial passengers, had passed Metuchen, about
22 miles from Jersey City, the baggage-master
heard a terrific explosion in the car, which
hurled the trunks around and threw the men
in the car flat on the floor. Before they knew
what had happened flames burst from the pile
of trunks, setting fire to the baggage and car
almost instantaneously. The fire was spread-
ing rapidly, fanned by the current made by the
train's rapid motion, and the train was stopped
at Rahway to extinguish the fire. An exami-
nation was made at once, and the remains of the
trunk which had caused the damage collected.
It was found to be a large Saratoga, made of
very thin wood. The remains of an intricate
little machine were found among the broken
boards, which showed that the explosion was
the result of design. A small pistol, attached
by wire to the brass works of a clock, was so
arranged that when the hands reached the
figure 12 on the dial the pistol was discharged.
The charge was fired into some very inflam-
mable substance, either dynamite or pyroxyline,
which was entirely consumed. The damage
will not exceed \$500.

The infernal machine was so shattered that
its exact nature cannot be defined. It was col-
lected and taken to the Jersey City depot,
where train-master Charles Watts took charge
of it, pending the investigation which the rail-
road officials are making. In the absence of
any other reasonable explanation of this curious
circumstance, we hazard the opinion that it
was the work of some one who had determined
to teach the Pennsylvania Railroad baggage
smashers a lesson. To blow a few of them into
smithereens would be a rather rough way of
teaching them to handle trunks carefully, but
it would probably be effective. Let them take
warning.

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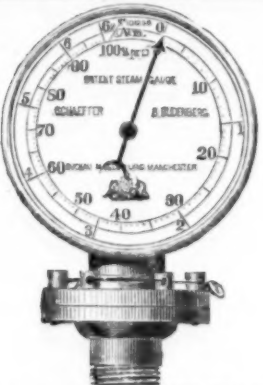
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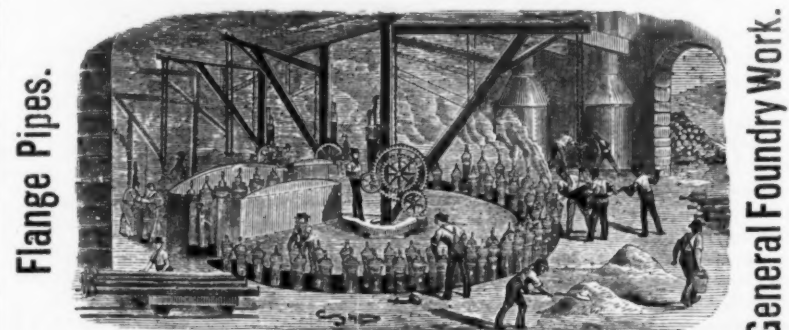
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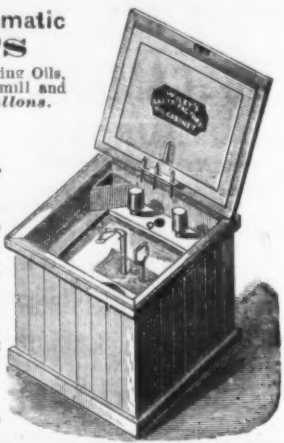
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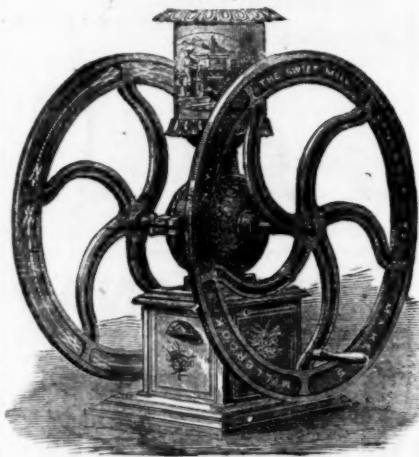
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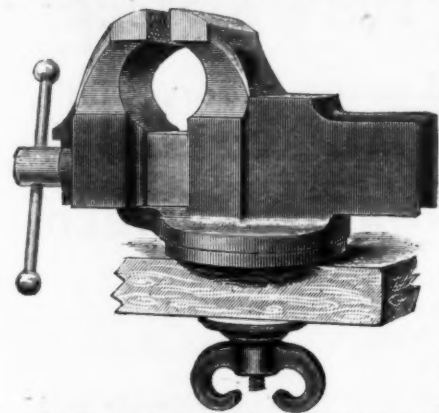
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A correspondent of the *Daily Bulletin*, writing from Philadelphia, gives the following interesting information concerning the financial condition of the Reading Railroad:

Rumor has been busy here since the coal panic with the amount and nature of the floating debt of the Reading Railroad, which has been veiled in almost impenetrable mystery, and in which it no doubt would have still remained had not the clique which undertook to sustain the stock failed of its purpose. Since its collapse, however, the facts have, little by little, leaked out, until we are now enabled to get approximately near to the amount and nature of this secret item. We have so far, however, been unable to get at the dates at which the floating obligations mature. The total may be roughly stated at about six millions of dollars.

It has been put out by the directory that the entire debt has been provided for until April 1, 1877. But we have already shown this to be incorrect in this column. As has been before shown, the London agent and banker of Reading was applied to by the Philadelphia directors last summer for aid, in view of the stagnation in the coal trade and the large floating debt of the road, for which extra provision was necessary. In answer to this application, as shown in a former article, Mr. McCalmont advanced the directory \$500,000, gold, and lent it 50,000 shares of Reading stock, both of which were sent here from London in June, or thereabout, with the advice that, in Mr. McCalmont's view, it would be best to use this cash and the funds to be borrowed on the 50,000 shares of stock to provide for the floating debt, rather than for sustaining the stock, as had been suggested by the directory. He, however, appears to have qualified this advice by saying to Mr. Gowen and the Philadelphia directors that they were on the spot and should be better able to judge which use of his advances was best. They followed their own course, and not the one preferred by Mr. McCalmont, as has been seen, and held up the stock until this \$500,000 in cash and the amount borrowed on the 50,000 shares, at the rate of \$35 each, amounting to about \$2,250,000, had been exhausted, when the collapse so long to be remembered came and the stock fell from 44 to 19 1/2 within a few days. In thus giving the history of this affair we get at the history of the floating debt; for with the collapse in the stock the company's creditors wanted their money, and at this point the financial embarrassments of the company began to entangle it seriously. At this date (September) there was some \$2,750,000 of the floating debt due or nearly due, and the holders of it were invited to meet the representatives of the Reading directory to make a readjustment of the floating debt; which was done, resulting in an extension of one-half to some future date, not ascertained, while the other half was paid in cash. For the purpose of providing for the cash payment, two Philadelphia capitalists and bankers advanced about \$1,250,000 to \$1,500,000, and as security for this cash advance and to cover the extensions of notes or loans the Reading Company is understood to have pledged all the remaining portion of its \$600,000,000 issue of bonds, amounting to \$5,000,000, the bond being used as collateral at the rate of 90 cents on the dollar. At that time and since, the pig iron of the Reading Railroad and of the Reading Coal and Iron Company has been hypothecated; and that property may now be seen fenced in at Port Richmond, at Reading and at Lancaster, in this State, with this or like legends, "The Pennsylvania Warehouse Company," inscribed upon it. We are further informed that, since then, or at that time, the coal receipts of the road have been also pledged for advances made to meet obligations since matured, one of which was a note for \$200,000 to \$250,000 held in Boston by a party who was not consulted in the September compromise, and who therefore demanded full payment in cash upon maturity, and was accordingly paid, which occurred about ten days ago, when it was reported the company had gone to protest.

These are the leading items of the floating debt, and are understood to amount to something over \$3,000,000; although it is difficult to trace the details of the amount. But, including the June advances of Mr. McCalmont, they are estimated to exceed \$6,000,000, including some \$600,000 of interest due on bonds in December. As to the advances made by Mr. McCalmont in cash and stocks and sunk in sustaining the stock, that amount has of course been completely wiped out; for the stock bought with this fund at 44 has since been sold out to get money at about \$25 per share. The question is now raised whether McCalmont's advance properly belongs to the floating debt of Reading, or is a private speculation of his own. But no one here has any idea that Mr. McCalmont views it in the latter light, and it is regarded as highly probable that he made the loan on condition that will fairly entitle it to rank among the floating obligations of the company, to be met in the comparatively near future, or so soon as other prior creditors have been satisfied.

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Gatling Guns in the English Navy.

The *London News* says that the Gatling gun, which, despite its murderous action, has never found much favor with the British army, is, by direction of the Admiralty, now being fitted in many of the vessels that are preparing for sea. The Alexandria and Shannon are each of them to receive two of these weapons on board, to be especially employed against marksmen posted in the rigging, or hostile marines engaged in firing through the port-holes, or in repelling any attempt at boarding. It is also intended to arm the gunboats and sloops with the same destructive implements for coast and river fighting. Six iron gunboats which are just now being built for service in the China rivers and upon the African coast, will be so constructed as to carry two Gatling guns amidships, and they will be mounted in such a manner that the weapons can be taken on shore in an emergency. The *News* says it is believed that for employment on gunboat service, where a crew of thirty or forty men have sometimes to cope with hundreds of Chinese pirates, or to make way up a river, the banks of which are lined with hostile natives, these Gatlings will be of considerable service. The heavy gun or guns, with which the little craft are armed, are not always to be used with advantage, and the crew is so limited at times as to be quite unable to reply with effect with their small arms. In effecting a landing the Gatlings will be employed in "searching" any bush or jungle that may be near, and thus preparing a safe footing for the marines or blue jackets intrusted with an attack upon a village or stockade, or they may be landed and used with troops on shore in the form of light artillery, their lightness and mobility rendering them peculiarly adapted to such work. There are upward of a score of these gunboats in course of construction for colonial and foreign service, and it is naturally the desire of the Admiralty to omit nothing in their equipments to render the little craft as formidable as possible.

Vegetable Leather.

Under this somewhat misleading title, *Scribner* gives an account of this new product, designed to be a substitute for leather. The materials employed in making it are cotton, or cotton waste or dust, cocoon fiber and other textile by-products and *fucus crispus*, a marine moss abundant on the New England coast. The cotton or other waste is first carded into sheets of wadding of uniform thickness. These are then laid on polished zinc plates kept at a high temperature, and treated with a decoction of the *fucus* till thoroughly saturated. The sheets quickly become dry, and in a few minutes may be lifted from the plates and passed between hot polished rolls adjusted to give any desired thickness to the finished leather. These rolls are under heavy pressure and completely felt the materials into strong, tenacious and flexible sheets. The sheets are next coated with boiled linseed oil and dried in the open air, or in a dry-room. When dry, they are coated with vegetable wax, and run through hot fluted rolls, and are finished by a final passage between polished rolls. The leather may then be bronzed, silvered, varnished or otherwise treated like ordinary leather. Another process employs flat plates, embossed or cut in intaglio, the sheets of saturated wadding being placed between them under pressure. They are then passed between hot polished rolls under excessive pressure. The after treatment is the same, but the result gives a more elastic material when finished. To produce a white leather, clean cotton is used, and the whitest pieces of the dried moss, and bleached linseed oil. By means of coloring materials the leather may be given any tint required; and to render it inodorous it is washed in a weak solution of chloride of lime. To make a quality of leather suitable for trunks and shoe-soles, the decoction of *fucus* is thickened with finely divided cotton or cocoon waste, and direct and heavy pressure is substituted for the rolling. The material is reported to be a good substitute for leather in the manufacture of harness, military equipments, carriage, table chair covers, and to be available in bookbinding and other trades.

A correspondent of the *Times* London has come across a German sea captain, who has made an interesting discovery in natural history. This fortunate gentleman has not succeeded in bringing home a joint of the sea serpent or a photograph of the kraken; but he has discovered that there are worms which

destroy—i. e., eat and devour—iron. "I casually," says the correspondent, "by way of joke, in reply to a kind invitation he gave me to stay at his house, said I would come some day with a microscope to examine the worm which was destroying the German iron clads. His face clouded, and our conversation became very earnest. He returned to the subject again, and asked me if I seriously meant what I had said; and then he told me that there was considerable fear that there is a worm in Wilhelmshafen. He himself had discovered that there were worms which destroyed iron. It is well known that Wilhelmshafen, one of the most valuable ports existing, was long useless on account of a wool worm which destroyed every ship that entered its waters."

Standard Bars.

At a meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, at Philadelphia, Prof. J. E. Hitchcock read an interesting paper in which he presented some curious facts respecting some of the standard bars to which all measures are now referred in France, England and this country. A very old standard was tested a few years ago in Paris. This was a platinum bar; it was compared with an iron one made as a duplicate from it seventy years ago. The platinum had been frequently heated and thoroughly worked before it took final shape; the iron bar was of the best Lowmoor metal. No appreciable difference in length could be detected. Where several iron bars are made as standards, each needs to be brought to a peculiar temperature to measure accurately; no one temperature will do for all. Duplicates of the English standard bars have been made in iron and sent to this country; each of our States is entitled to one of these. Professor Hilgard compared one of them with the bronze bar in England of which they are supposed to be duplicates. He found a variation of 0.00034 in. This is an inadmissible error in a standard. An ordinary, barely perceptible scratch may be a thousandth of an inch wide; therefore the third of that is an appreciable quantity. General Comstock, who was using one of the iron duplicates in the survey of our northern lakes, had it sent to England and similarly tested by comparison with the bronze standard, and the same amount of error was discovered. Professor Hilgard believes that the bronze, not the iron, has changed, and that the alteration is due to one of the metals in the alloy—almost crystalline bronze—being in a state of tension when the standard was made. This view was taken by the International Metric Commission, and consequently in making the platinum standard meter, the metal was remitted and worked over nearly 300 times. The standards made in duplication of this, of cast steel for our States, are correct to the 16,000th of an inch; they differ from each other less than the 100,000th of an inch.

The Resources of Tennessee.

The enterprise of Tennessee in making known to the world the extent and variety of its resources is worthy of emulation by many states more in need of outside assistance in developing their productive capacity. Speaking of the Tennessee Bureau of Agriculture and Mines, the *Chattanooga Commercial*, of the 17th instant, says:

This is undoubtedly one of the best appliances yet invented by any Southern state to invite immigration and capital. It does more than invite, it shows the capitalist where he can best make his investments pay, and points out to the thrifty and intelligent from Europe and the North where the best soils are to be found, their adaptation to different crops, convenience to transportation, &c., &c. The best evidence that the labors of the Bureau are appreciated abroad is the fact that 4000 copies of the "Resources of Tennessee," by Col. Killebrew, the superintendent; 8000 copies of an abridged edition, 2500 copies of the report of the Bureau on the Sequatchee Valley and Cumberland table land have been distributed—more than three-fourths of them to parties out of the State.

In this connection it is proper to mention that the gentlemen now building iron works at South Pittsburgh, in the Tennessee Valley, had their attention first attracted to this country by reading a copy of "Killebrew's Resources." This led to investigation, and finally to the inauguration of the enterprise, which will require at least \$2,000,000 of capital, every dollar of which comes from England. We are entirely, therefore, within the truth when we say that we may thank Col. Killebrew for planting among us the largest iron works in the South. Had he not written his book those capitalists of Stockton-on-Tees, England, would scarcely have found by searching, let alone by accident, such reliable information, to finally be more than verified by the facts. And had the book not borne the stamp of official authority it is not probable our conservative English friends would have paid much attention to its contents.

Nor does the beneficent influence of this book upon our destiny as a manufacturing district end with this one transfer of capital it has induced. Such a beginning is like "the letting out of water." The flow hitherward from this forward must be steady and increasing in volume so long as the well nigh inexhaustible supply of idle capital in England and Continental Europe lasts. This one enterprise will be the parent of many, and each one of its successors will have its influence in inducing others to make like ventures. If the Bureau had accomplished no more than this alone more than compensates the State for its cost by tenfold. Yet this is not all nor near all it and its accomplished superintendent have done in this respect, not to speak of others equally important and valuable to the State.

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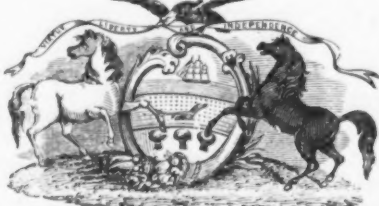
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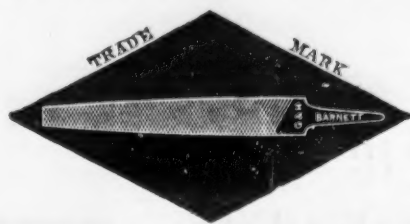
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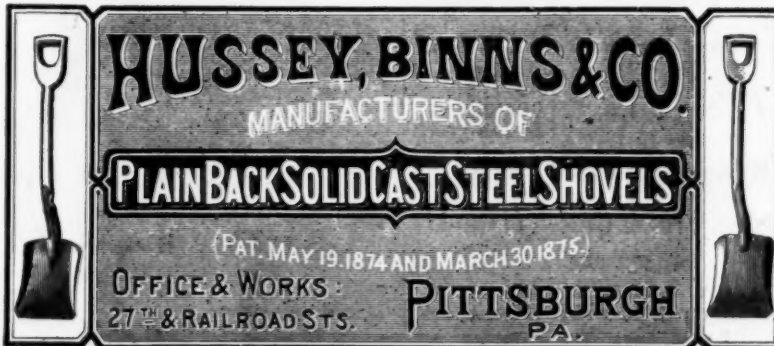
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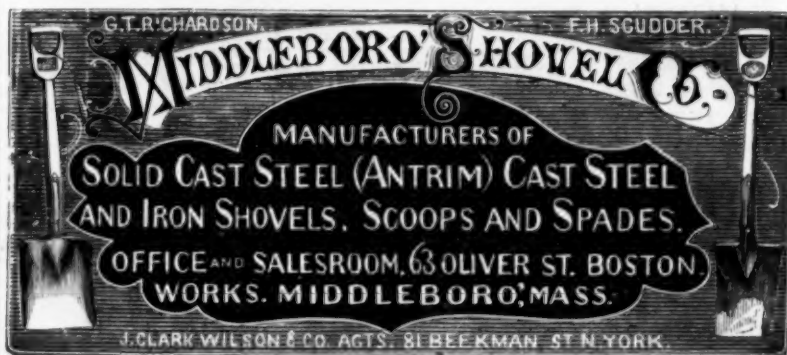
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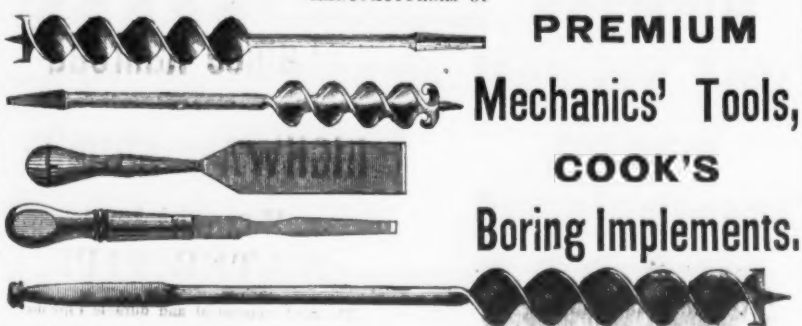
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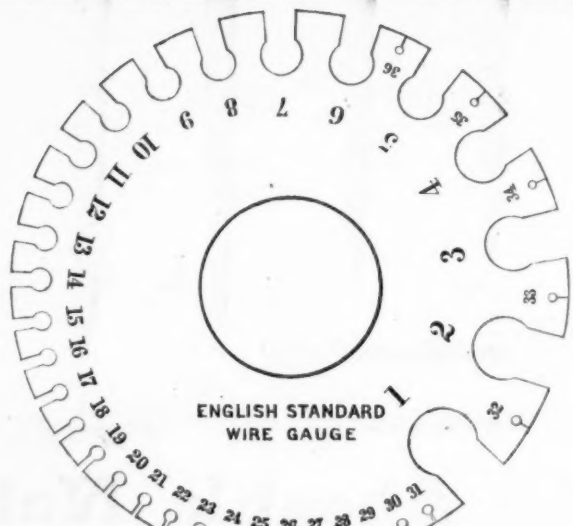
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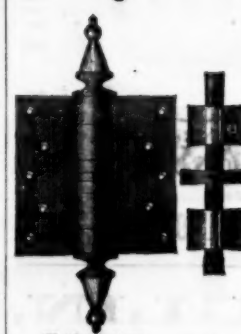
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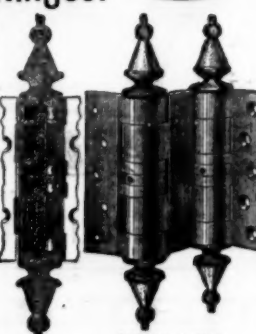
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BUSINESS ITEMS.

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The Bessemer Steel Works, Troy, resumed
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Works, Bridgeton, sold at the Centennial on
the 24th of October one large power drawing
press, two pair of dies, crimpers, etc., to
Lecomte & Perkins Mfg. Co., Philadelphia;
also, two foot presses, shears, rolls, crimper,
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PENNSYLVANIA.

Experiments are making at the Cambria Iron
Works, Johnstown, to test the possibility of
coking as they do in Wales. The following
mixture is used: Anthracite culm or slack, 60
per cent.; bituminous coal (Latrobe), 35 per
cent.; pitch, 5 per cent. The test is being
made in the Belgian ovens of the Cambria Iron
Company.

Work at the Lochiel Iron Works, Harrisburg,
has been suspended for the present.

The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron
Company issued orders forbidding persons
picking coal from their dirt banks, but now,
owing to the hard times, they have revoked this
order and allow parties to pick coal from the
banks of the colliery at which they work, but
each family is not allowed to pick more than
two loads per month. Some persons abused
this privilege, and picked as many as 15 wagon
loads and sold them, and consequently the com-
pany has issued an order that they can pick as
much as they please, but dare not, under pen-
alty of being arrested, have it taken away by
wagons, but must carry it all away in buckets
or wheelbarrows.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Com-
pany have put their shops at Mahanoy Plane
and Gordon on eight hours per day, and have
suspended a number of their hands.

The old furnace at Sheridan is to be put in
operation at once.

The Wampum Furnace will blow in some
time this week.

The Pottstown Ledger says that Messrs. C. H.
Cook, Harrison Rigg, W. C. Bishop and Z. T.
Bishop, have associated together as the Key-
stone Tack Company, in that borough, and
commenced the manufacture of tacks. At
present they have 11 machines going.

The car, machine and carpenter shops of the
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad
Company were burned on Saturday night at
Great Bend.

The report of the immense saving in fuel in
puddling at the Philadelphia and Reading Rail-
road Company's Rail Mill, at Reading, by the
use of coal dust is, to say the least, premature.
The process has not, as yet, passed the state of
experiment, and it is too early to indicate re-
sults. Moreover, the experiments have been
made at the steam forge and not at the rail mill.

W. M. Seyfert, of Philadelphia, has with-
drawn from the presidency of the corporation
of Messrs. Seyfert, McManus & Co., and Geo.
F. Baer, Esq., has been chosen.

The old Malden Creek Furnace, Lenhart-
ville, is turned into a lime kiln. Burning is to
be begun this week.

The Pennsylvania Steel Works, at Baldwin,
have suspended operations.

It is rumored that a portion of the new mill
of the Phoenixville Iron Company, of Phoenix-
ville, will be turned into a nail mill and the
remainder into a wire mill.

The Lebanon Manufacturing Company com-
menced the employment of more hands last
week. They have received orders from Love-
grace & Co., of Philadelphia, for two 40 horse-
power engines. They have also orders for one
12 horse-power engine, and 3 three horse-power
engines.

It has been incorrectly stated in some of the
papers that one of the Glamorgan furnaces, at
Lewistown, is about to be blown in. The facts
are that the furnace is simply being put in good
condition, so that when the demand for iron
improves it will be ready to turn out its share.

The two furnaces of the Lehigh Iron Co., at
Aineyville, were to have been relighted last
week, which fact was officially announced.

The property known as the Standard Tube
Works, at Fern Dale, has been transferred to
other parties than the original owners, and
workmen are now engaged in removing the
machinery to the works of W. C. Allison &
Son, West Philadelphia. Thus it will be seen
that the great expectations in regard to these
works by business men of this section have
vanished. Mr. W. B. Hurd will be retain-
ed as business man at the Flagler Horse-
shoe Works. The workmen of the Standard
Works are now employed at Allison's Tube
Works, Philadelphia. Another horseshoe ma-
chine is building in Boston, and will be erected
here as soon as completed.

Forty-four machines are being run at the
nail factory of the Pottstown Iron Company.

The Macungie Furnace is in blast and making
good No. 1 iron.

The Pennsylvania Iron Works, Danville, have
lighted up sixteen puddling furnaces, and start-
ed the rail mill with a prospect of running all
winter.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Riverside and Belmoht Nail Factories,
Wheeling, which have been idle, were to have
started last Monday.

There is still some talk of a furnace being
built near Cassville.

OHIO.

At Ironton the Iron and Steel Furnace is
banked up for want of coke. The Belfont and
Etna are in blast. The Lawrence Mill is idle.
The Belfont and Ironton are running.

The Trade Review says the Cleveland Rolling
Mill Company are now working about 3000 men
at their various mills in the Eighteenth ward.
All mills are run double turn. The daily pro-
duct of the company is about as follows: In

the wire mill, 40 to 50 tons steel wire; in
the plate mill, 30 tons; in the rolling mill, 300
tons steel rails, and 30 tons light iron rails;
forgings, spring steel and other products, 10
to 15 tons. They also cast about 250 tons Bes-
semer steel ingots daily.

Furnaces now in operation in Lawrence
county are: Olive, Pinegrove, Mt. Vernon,
Lawrence, Washington, Vesuvius, Hecla, Buck
horn, Alice and Belfont.

Evan Morris has leased the Girard Rolling
Mill for the winter.

Orders for nails have accumulated at Brown,
Bonnell & Co.'s so fast that it has become nec-
essary to run the nail factory some three
hours extra every night.

The Massillon Iron Bridge Co. have the con-
tract for a bridge in Warren, 210 feet long, at
\$54 per lineal foot.

The new rod mill at Newburgh is now roll-
ing rods from 45 to 70 pounds weight, and
measuring from 350 to 450 feet in length. The
present capacity is from 25,000 to 30,000 pounds
in nine hours. The mill recently turned out
27,000 pounds of rods in one turn. Formerly
only 12 lb. billets were used, and only about
9000 pounds more produced per day of single
turn.

The Union Iron Works' Rolling Mills, Clevel-
and, are idle temporarily, for repairs.

KENTUCKY.

The Louisville Plate Glass Company are in full
operation, after some days' stoppage for clean-
ing and repairs.

Raccoon Furnace will commence its winter
nap in about four weeks.

During the last 214 days' blast of Hunnewell
Furnace, which commenced on the 1st of Janu-
ary, she produced an average daily make of
16-63 tons of pig iron, or 3500-45 all told, using
500,592 bushels of charcoal, 10,199-65 tons of
iron ore and 370-25 tons of limestone, or
140-6 bushels charcoal, 2-86 tons iron ore,
14 tons limestone, per ton of pig iron.

Having now on hand 7000 tons of choice iron
ore and 1400 loads of charcoal, with additional
stock to come in, the furnace will continue in
operation until the 1st of April, provided the
hearth will hold out so long.

Pennsylvania Furnace continues working
well, averaging 13 tons of No. 1 hot blast a day.
With 200 loads of charcoal on hand and 250
more to come in, she will continue in operation
until the early part of December.

Bellefonte Furnace will not blow out before
Christmas.

ILLINOIS.

The rail mill at East St. Louis has been
repaired and remodeled by a new organiza-
tion, the East St. Louis Iron Co., which will
hereafter operate it. The mill consists of 6
double puddling furnaces, 8 heating furnaces,
3 trains of rolls (30, 18 and 14 inch), one
squeezer, and the necessary shears and ma-
chinery for a capacity of 100 tons per day.
The rails will be made by the "reheating
process" originated by the Reading Railroad
Company, and of any section from 8 to 73
pounds per yard, either rerolled or new. The
officers of the company are as follows: Presi-
dent, B. M. Pratt; vice-president, E. P.
Buell; secretary, Alfred Baltzell; superinten-
dent, M. V. Smith. Under Mr. Smith's man-
agement the establishment ought to prosper.

TENNESSEE.

The Chattanooga Commercial says: Mr. J.
F. James informs us that he has received or-
ders within three weeks for over 3000 tons of
pig iron, and is unable to fill a single order.

The Tennessee Iron and Steel Company,
Chattanooga, announce their readiness to fill
orders for all kinds of merchant bar, fish bar,
light rails, &c.

Messrs. Cahill & Whiteside, Chattanooga, are
making two blowing cylinder heads for the Red
Mountain Furnace. They are seven feet in
diameter, and when finished will weigh 5000
pounds each.

Major W. R. Thomas, of Rising Fawn, is
blowing the Chattanooga Iron Company's Fur-
nace, which is making from 25 to 32 tons of
gray forge iron per day, using a silicious, cal-
careous and argillaceous mixture of fossil ores,
costing them from \$1-75 to \$2 per ton in the
yard. The monthly yield of these ores is 55
per cent.

MICHIGAN.

The Escanaba Furnace is being repaired, and
it is said the company intend to start it up and
run it. The blast will be put in November 1st,
and it will run until spring.

The Rolling Mill Furnace is working 35 tons
of No. 1 foundry iron per day.

Soft Steel.—The *Chemical News* gives an ac-
count of some experiments with the chrome
iron alloys, in which a strange phenomenon
was observed: It is well known that chromium
is very hard, and scratches even hardened steel;
meanwhile an alloy was obtained which was
malleable, and in a fresh state could be easily
bent. It was also remarked that sometimes in
opening the crucibles nothing but slag was
found, but in breaking the crucibles the alloy
was found to be in the bottom of them—which
may be attributed to the corrosive properties
of the liquid alloy, as this often penetrates
even through the bottoms of plumbago cru-
cibles. The above mentioned alloy was an-
alyzed, and the following average composition
was found: Metallic iron, 96-40 per cent.;
metallic chromium, 2-50 per cent.; carbon
traces, lime, silica, 1-30; total, 100. By melt-
ing a mixture of cast iron, tin and lead in the
following proportions a very liquid alloy is ob-
tained, viz., 79 per cent. cast iron, 19-50 tin and
1-50 lead. This alloy is of handsome appear-
ance and fills perfectly well the casting molds,
being thus adapted for use in the casting of
small articles.

The steam cars of Paris are three-deck vehicles,
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European Apprentice Schools.

In a communication to the *Evening Post*, of this city, Mr. E. C. Wines gives some interesting particulars respecting the European industrial schools. He shows how the efforts of trades unions to create an artificial scarcity of labor may be met in this country by the adoption of a similar system to that which has met with such great success in Germany, Sweden, France, Russia and other European countries. In Pennsylvania, at present, and that State probably is no exceptional case, the number of apprentices is less than one-fourth the number required to keep the present inadequate supply of skilled labor even.

In Prussia the first industrial or professional school was founded in 1793. Seven others were established in the three following years, and a ninth and last in 1803. All have continued their beneficent work to the present time. They were created and at first sustained exclusively by private charity. But very soon the city of Berlin, perceiving and appreciating their utility, contributed one-third toward their maintenance, and since 1798 they have been made a special object of favor by the royal family. Both boys and girls are received into them after entering upon their fourteenth year. At first the number in each school was about fifty, but it has gradually increased to eighty, ninety, and a hundred. The fundamental principle of these establishments is the union of primary instruction and industrial apprenticeship; and through their agency the city of Berlin has constantly in training not less than eight hundred apprentices.

The system has spread throughout Germany. Hamburg, especially, has a model establishment of the kind. By the side of the schools for primary instruction, divided into five classes, are found industrial or professional schools, in which the youths, according to their age and sex, are employed in manual labor, whereby they are prepared for the exercise of different trades. In Belgium, schools established for the professional instruction of workmen are producing the best effects. M. Rogier, ex-Minister of the Interior, has founded several agricultural schools. For thirty years schools have existed at Ghent and Liege for teaching trades, and more recently, at Charleroi, at Huy and at Verviers.

The system of industrial instruction is admirably organized in Sweden. At Stockholm a number of schools founded by different societies and separately conducted, but placed under a sort of central administration, are devoted to the work of industrial education. These schools are open to all children who give satisfactory proof of the possession of a certain amount of preliminary knowledge. The government has proposed to the legislature the construction of a house capable of accommodating 800 boys and 200 girls as apprentices, beside a central normal school to train mechanic teachers for service in the industrial schools of the provinces. By the side of these schools, and forming the crown of the whole system, is an institute of technology placed under the same central direction, which offers to workmen and all persons who are occupied in skilled labor courses of lectures delivered by eminent professors. This institute publishes memoirs, replies to applications for information, gives advice to persons engaged in arts and manufactures, and exerts a real and most salutary influence on the mechanical industry and skill of the country.

The first school of the kind in Italy was founded at Florence in 1828, by Count Nicholas Demidoff, a wealthy Russian. It was a free school for the benefit of poor families in that city, and was enlarged and its sphere of usefulness increased from year to year, by the count and his son, Count Anatole Demidoff. A workroom was annexed to the school in 1837. It had been observed that parents withdrew their children as soon as they had reached an age at which they became capable of labor that was a little lucrative. To retain the children the plan was adopted of employing them at some productive labor not incompatible with attendance at school. A master workman gave employment to a certain number of pupils at occupations which were easy and proportioned to their strength and capacity, and which at the same time were adapted to prepare them for apprenticeship to a trade. It was in this manner especially that children from eight to ten years of age were employed in winding raw silk. Similar schools were afterward established in St. Petersburg, some of them for the training of girls in their household duties.

Purification of Metals by Filtration.

Prof. Lampadius, of Freiberg, concluded that at a certain low temperature of fusion the metallic impurities present in the more easily fusible of metals would separate, partially as such, and partially as definite, crystalline compounds, and float in the fused mass, from which they could be removed by filtration. Experiments by him in this direction were so far successful that they expected definite compounds were found upon the filter, but the metallic filtrate was still very impure. The filter was made of quartz sand, slag, etc., which was not wet by the molten metal. Currier, however, according to a communication by him, in trying to adapt this principle to the purification of Bohemian tin, on a commercial scale, sought for material for a filter, which would be wet by the metal to be purified without being dissolved in it. Iron, with its comparatively high temperature of fusion, and its adhesion for tin, as manifested in the tinning of iron, was employed for the filter. Five hundred strips of tinned iron, as thin as paper, about six-tenths of an inch long, and one-fourth as broad, were packed tightly in a square iron frame by the aid of wedges, and the frame was then luted into a suitable opening in the bottom of a graphite crucible. The tin, melted in a second crucible, was allowed to cool until the separation of fine

crystals on the surface was noticed, and the thickening metallic mass was then poured into the filtering crucible, when the still fluid pure metal passed through, and a pasty magna was left, in which iron, arsenic and copper, concentrated to a great degree, were found combined with tin, while the filtered tin proved to be almost chemically pure. Fifty hundred weight were purified in the crucible described. Other forms and other materials for filters are suggested, and other possible application of the method, as in the separation of silver from lead containing the former metal.

Machinery Hall to be Left Standing.

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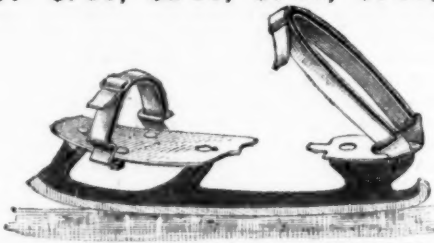
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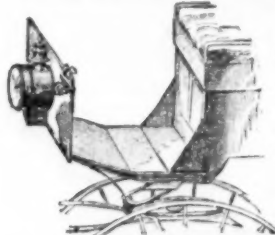
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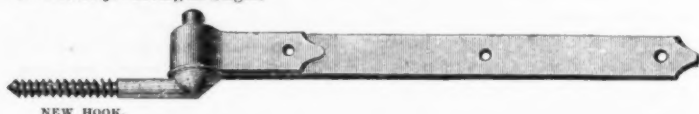
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which shall make him master of the situation. The old saying in the merchant marine that a good captain came "in at the hawse hole and worked his way aft to the cabin," might be modified a little and be equally true on a railroad. The best superintendents that we have known have begun at the brake wheel, or the foot-board, or with the chipping chisel, and worked their way up. Such men, when endowed with large executive ability and possessing a good scientific education, are the only ones who can safely be trusted in the executive offices of a railroad company. The railway, when properly conducted, is itself a training school of the most effective character. It is impossible for a man to learn railroading in any other business, and very often one can learn but a single branch and do it well. If a road is to be built and managed solely with a view to the enrichment of stock gambling directors, it makes but little difference whether it is well or badly managed. Even an honest and conscientious board of directors cannot always see the true situation. They are apt to forget that the public are the only ones who are worth consideration, and that neither railroad nor men are of any consequence whatever. If they will take care of the public the public will take care of the road and them. It does not matter whether the road is managed with military discipline or by a fatherly sort of rule; the point to be gained is to take care of the public in such a way that they shall be pleased and satisfied. In the mechanical departments much practical knowledge is needed in order to have even a moderate degree of economy and safety. This cannot be acquired except by practical experience. The constant progress made in all branches of railroad economy makes it very difficult to keep pace with the time, while the almost numberless worthless schemes presented make practical knowledge exceedingly essential. Presidents and directors cannot be expected to possess this knowledge, and their only proper course is to entrust competent and conscientious men with complete executive power and hold them responsible for its proper exercise. Constant tampering with the duties of responsible subordinates is fatal to discipline, and certain to end in bad management. Probably we cannot hope to have a different class of men as presidents and directors, but we can hope that those who gain these positions will learn from experience that they are merely trustees, and that railway management requires a very different kind of talent from that which a business life has called for.

New Publications.

SECTIONS OF STEEL AND IRON RAILS, Manufactured by the Cambria Iron Company, Johnstown, Pa.
Some 60 different lithographed sections of steel and iron rails are given in this work, of weights varying from a Pennsylvania Railroad rail of 83 pounds per yard down to a 16 lb. colliery rail. Each section is given full size, with dimensions, angles of flange head, radii of different curved portions, thicknesses, centers, and in fact all the data necessary for the reproduction of the section. The weight per mile of each section is given both in gross and net tons, and also the names of the roads using the different sections. The book shows pretty nearly every variety of rail which has been in general use in this country during the last 20 years. At the front of the work is a diagram of the average prices of American iron and steel rails, net cash, free on board at Philadelphia, from 1847 to the three months of 1876. This has been compiled for private circulation from the records of the American Iron and Steel Association. In addition to this, a page is devoted to useful information about the materials for track construction, such as the tons per mile required for different weights of rails, spikes, ties, fish-plates and bolts, joint fastenings to the ton of rails, etc. Taken altogether, the work is very complete and, what is unusual in publications of this kind, is very convenient in shape.

USE AND ABUSE OF THE STEAM BOILER. By Stephen Roper. Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger, Philadelphia, Pa. 341 pages.

This work is intended to be a handbook for the fireman, purchaser, and user of boilers, rather than for the boiler maker or scientific man. The work is somewhat smaller than the other handbooks by the same author. It is, however, bound in uniform style with them. Most of the common forms of boilers are illustrated, as well as many of those not usually seen. The author aims, he tells us, at a dissemination of plain, practical and correct information in regard to the functions of the steam boiler, its care and management. The work as a whole is valuable, presenting in a compact form many of the tables, facts and figures which have heretofore been scattered among a wide range of authorities.

CARNEGIE BRCS. & CO.'S POCKET COMPANION OF Useful Tables, Information Appertaining to the Use of Wrought Iron, for Engineers, Architects and Builders. Compiled and Re-arranged by A. G. Haumann, C. E., Pittsburgh, Pa. 170 pages. Price, \$1.50.

The first 18 pages of this pocket handbook, are devoted to different iron shapes, of which there are about 155 shown. Following this there are half a dozen pages illustrating different methods of using iron constructively, as in beams, columns, roofs, floors, walls, etc. Part I, with which the work opens, is de-

voted to I beams, deck beams, channel bars, angle iron, T iron, etc., with tables of coefficients applicable when used as floor beams, rafters, or struts. In this part the information given is exceedingly full, since in addition to the formulae for the different shapes, tables are also given showing at a glance the character and endurance of any given form; so that in a large number of cases the problems which arise can be solved by inspection. Part II consists of 80 pages of miscellaneous information for engineers, builders and mechanics, condensed into small space and very judiciously selected with reference to the wants of those into whose hands such a work is to come. A considerable portion of matter for this part of the work has been collected from well-known handbooks and modified so as to be specially applicable here. The tables given are convenient and well arranged for reference. We hardly think this portion of the work could be improved. Altogether the book is of great value, and deserves to be widely known among iron men, engineers, architects and builders generally, as well as among those who have anything to do with iron in almost any form.

Mr. Swank's Reply to Mr. Bell.

In our last issue we printed an abstract of the speech of Mr. Isaac Lowthian Bell before the Liberal Club, at West Hartlepool. The following reply by Mr. James M. Swank to such portions of Mr. Bell's speech as relate to the American iron trade and the last report of the Iron and Steel Association, will appear in the next *Bulletin* of that Association:

We invite attention to the speech by Mr. I. Lowthian Bell, elsewhere printed, which he has just delivered before his constituents, and in which he makes some noteworthy statements concerning the future of the British iron trade. The tone of the speech is not hopeful—the general depression on in the iron trade of the world, and the rapid strides of the United States in the supply of its own iron markets and of Belgium in the supply of the British iron markets, being fully conceded. Yet, in view of certain specified advantages possessed by British ironmasters, Mr. Bell does not despair of a healthy revival some day in the demand for British iron. He particularly instances the "small distance" which intervenes in Great Britain between the iron centers and ports of shipment to other countries, and refers to the fact that all the materials used in the iron manufacture in Great Britain are usually found in close proximity; whereas, in the United States great distances usually intervene between the raw materials themselves and between the finished iron and the seaports, while in Belgium the annual output of coal is so meager that no apprehension need be felt that the competition of that country in the British iron markets will ever become formidable. Mechanical puddling and the "willing assistance of the men" in submitting to lower wages are also mentioned as influences that will aid in enabling British ironmasters to hold their own in their own markets and in most of the markets of the world.

The advantages claimed by Mr. Bell, with the exception of mechanical puddling, to which we attach no present importance, are plain to all who have made a study of British resources. He might well and forcibly have added to the list of these advantages the abundance and cheapness of British capital, and the cheapness of ocean freights in British vessels subsidized by the British government and running to every port in the world. No other country has so abundant capital as Great Britain, and no other country possesses her facilities for shipping manufactured or other products to distant markets. How poorly does the United States compare with her in both these respects! Somebody said the other day that we ought to ship steel rails from Philadelphia to Brazil. Very well; where is the steamship line to take them there? Great Britain has several subsidized lines to carry her surplus rail product to Brazil; but the United States government is so chary of its bounties that its own citizens are compelled to receive their Brazilian coffee from the holds of foreign vessels, and to pile up under the shadow of smokeless furnaces and rolling mills the surplus rails which Brazil could be induced to take in exchange for its coffee. Those who say that we should export our surplus iron products would do well to consider the shipping disadvantages under which we labor and the advantages in this respect of Great Britain.

Mr. Bell quite too readily, as we think, admits that the iron markets of the United States are lost to his countrymen, "apart from artificial restrictions"—that is, even if our tariff be removed. The advantages which he claims for his countrymen, and the advantages to which we have referred, do not suggest the inference that Americans could now control their own iron markets without a tariff. We need a high tariff, if for nothing else than to prevent Great Britain from sending us during such a period of depression as now prevails those surplus iron products which she cannot sell elsewhere, and for which she would be willing to accept unremunerative prices. The United States has been Great Britain's slaughter market too often. It will be our own fault if it ever is again.

Few Englishmen, we fancy, will agree with Mr. Bell that the American iron market must be given up. We notice that the editors of the British iron journals do not scare so easily. On the contrary, they are looking forward hopefully to the time when the Morrison tariff bill, or some similar measure, will supplant our present protective system, after which they believe the large shipments of British iron to this country will be renewed. The secretary of the British Iron Trade Association, Mr. Jones, who is also the editor of *The Iron and Coal Trades Review*, may be quoted as representing correctly the hopeful feeling which is shared by all his editorial associates. In his paper for Oc-

tober 6th, in alluding to the establishment in this country of a branch of the steel manufacturing of Messrs. Sanderson, Brothers & Co., of Sheffield, he says:

It has been held forth that this is an indication that Great Britain is hopelessly debarred from competing in future with the home manufacturers in the American market. Just at present there is no doubt that America can supply her own wants, and, indeed, she has the resources to supply other nations as well, but these are so unfavorably situated for export that she has not much to look forward to beyond making the iron and steel for her own market. This she can now depend upon as long as the tariff is maintained at the existing rates, but there is a strong and increasing party in the States who are bent upon demolishing the protectionist arrangement, which benefits a select lot of manufacturers, but imposes exceedingly heavy burdens upon the general population, more especially in the Western States. The tariff is liable to be modified, or even abolished at any time, and in that case an enormous trade would spring up between the manufacturers of iron in this country and the consumers in the United States.

We believe Mr. Jones to be entirely right in his view, and Mr. Bell to be wholly wrong in his. If the people of this country think differently from us and agree with Mr. Bell, let them permit the Morrison tariff bill to become a law, and they will soon see how quickly British iron will be unloaded at our wharves.

Mr. Bell makes a strange and most illogical reference to the effects of the protective policy upon the prosperity of the iron business in this country. He admits that through the establishment of this policy the exports of British iron to the United States have fallen during the past six years from almost a million tons annually to a point approaching annihilation, and yet in another part of his speech he does not hesitate to declare that the protective policy in this country "had signally failed," that a "day of reckoning" had come to us as to British ironmasters, and that the "visitation" of pinching times is "perhaps more severe" among the iron manufacturers of the United States than among those of Great Britain. He admits, too, as stated above, that British ironmasters will never again supply our markets as they have done. Now if protection has driven out British iron from our markets and supplied them with American iron of better quality and at cheaper rates than would have been possible without protection; if American workmen by tens of thousands have been employed at good wages in making this iron; and if protection is to-day enabling our iron manufacturers to tide over a widespread reaction from which Great Britain is suffering fully as much as ourselves, then it has not been a signal failure, but a signal benefit to all our people. How could our iron industry have been established at all, and our hosts of trained native iron workers, whom Mr. Bell so highly compliments, been educated, but for protection? Strange that Mr. Bell should have classed as a failure to us a policy which has benefited us at the expense of his own countrymen; illogical that he should have charged the present depression in our iron business to the protective policy and made no mention of the free trade policy under which the British iron trade is suffering a reaction fully as great as that which affects our own. Only last week we quoted from an English iron authority the statement that British ironmasters were "entering upon the last quarter of the year with works not half filled with orders, and with a large army of iron workers not half employed." A still later official publication states that, of 149 blast furnaces in South Staffordshire, 56 are in blast and 43 are out of blast. Even Mr. Bell himself, in the speech upon which we are commenting, remarked that "the local iron trade was in a position of depression accompanied by an accumulation of commercial disasters to which he had known no parallel in the North of England during an experience of thirty-five years." If such results as these characterize the British iron trade to-day, under a policy of free trade, how illogical in Mr. Bell to attribute the present depression in our iron trade to protection? Mr. Bell has recently visited our country for a second time, and we regret that he did not learn while here that the true cause of our business depression is not protection at all, but mainly a derangement of our finances consequent upon a destructive civil war. We do not say that the depression in Great Britain is a result of free trade, but it looks very much as if it were; as her near neighbor, France, which has a high protective tariff, is exceptionally prosperous, while her other near neighbor, Germany, which recently lowered her duties to gratify English and German free traders, is exceptionally poor and dispirited.

Upon the whole we regard Mr. Bell's speech as a very unfortunate one for his reputation. He gives up the American iron trade we imagine with entirely too much resignation to suit the British Iron Trade Association, of which he is a member, and he errs grievously in attributing the depression in the iron trade of this country to the ascendancy of the protective policy. The speech may help still further to reduce the wages of British iron workers, that foreign markets may be the more easily held, "in the way of price," to quote the words of *Rylands' Iron Trade Circular*; but here again it can only be regarded as unfortunate, for we must regret that the system of free trade, in which Mr. Bell believes, should demand of so good a man as he that he engage in so sorrowful a business as a reduction in British workmen's wages to the limit of human endurance.

Ore Reduction in the Bessemer Converter.—The following recommendations are made by M. Reduer, of Craiova, based upon experiments in reducing ores in the Bessemer converter. The introduction of one-half ton of pure iron ore into a charge of seven tons of iron, toward the end of the operation, gave an

excellent quality of steel with a clear slag containing scarcely any iron. A better mode has been found to be packing the iron ore around the sides of the converter as fettling and slitering it somewhat together by a small charge of coke before running in the iron. One ton of ore to six or seven of iron may be used. The advantages claimed are: 1st. Increased cheapness of the steel; 2d. Increased purity of the steel; 3d. Saving in time and fuel; 4th. Possibility of using an iron poor in silicon. The ore used should not contain over 0.07 per cent. of phosphorus.

The Hudson River Bridge.

Materials for the first caisson of the Hudson River bridge at Poughkeepsie, have been delivered by the American Bridge Co., and work is to go ahead without delay. The *Railway Age* gives the following particulars: The point at which the structure will cross the river is near the ferry dock and at the intersection of the Poughkeepsie, Hartford and Boston and the Hudson River railroads. The depth of water opposite this point averages fifty-five feet for a distance of 2300 feet, and vessels can approach within fifty feet of either shore. The bridge will cross the river on an east and west line, and at right angles to the river. At this point the river has nearly a straight channel for five miles in either direction. The engineer claims that a single span of the bridge would afford a free passage for all the vessels now plying on the river, without causing delays or otherwise interfering with their progress. These facts cause this point to be regarded as one of the most desirable on the river for the construction of a bridge.

The approach to the bridge on the east side is on an iron viaduct, 1800 feet in length, which passes over the Hudson River Railroad at an elevation of 160 feet. The structure across the river will be a truss bridge. The trusses will be sixty feet high, and will be built of iron and steel. There will be four piers in the river, which will be built on caissons, and the average distance from the surface of the water to the foundations of the caissons will be eighty-five feet. At this depth a suitable foundation for the superstructure was found. The piers will be 525 feet apart, and will be built of masonry up to the bridge seat, which is 130 feet above high water mark. The approach on the west side is on a low truss span of 160 feet, which is built on the same plan as the bridge proper. The Bridge Company intend to build a railroad, nine miles in length, on the west side of the river, to intersect the Walkill Valley Railroad near Gardner, by laying a third rail from this point to the intersection of the Erie Railway. The connection with the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Easton will be completed on a gauge of four feet eight and one-half inches. The engineer's estimate of the expense of building the bridge and its approaches was about \$4,000,000, but the contract was made with the American Bridge Company to build the bridge for a sum considerably below this estimate, owing to a great decline in the prices of materials and labor since the estimate was made. The bridge is to have a double track for cars, a wagon roadway, and a way for foot passengers. Toll gates will be erected at each end, and tolls collected of all who cross. The capital stock is placed in the charter at \$2,000,000, with the right to increase it to \$5,000,000, and the company is authorized to borrow money to an amount not exceeding the capital stock. Any railroad company is allowed to subscribe to the capital stock to an amount not exceeding five per cent. of the whole, the company reserving, however, fifty per cent. of the stock for individual subscriptions, if they are received to that amount. The estimate of the earnings is about fifteen per cent. on the estimated cost \$4,000,000. This is based on business now being offered by the Erie, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, and the Lehigh Valley railroads and their connecting lines.

This enterprise has been frequently spoken of as a Boston enterprise, and as being carried forward for the purpose of benefiting the New England States, but it is claimed by the company to be of more importance to the business interests of New York city than of any other place. The Erie Railway Company will have to run its trains about ten miles farther to reach New York city by way of this bridge than it now runs them to reach Jersey City.

Foreign Opinion.

The London *Times*, of August 14, gives prominence to a letter written by an English Judge at the Centennial, who says he saw enough there to convince him that American manufacturers had been making remarkable strides during the past 20 years. Mr. Douglas Galton was a British judge in the group of Railway Appliances, and immediately upon his return home he penned this letter. He had previously visited this country years ago, and during the interval we all know that American manufacturing progress has been remarkable. He speaks of the great advance in our industries as shown by the growth in the amount of coal mined, and says that our higher wages, compared with England, are counterbalanced by the use of machinery to an extent much exceeding that generally in use in England. Observing the substitution of steel for iron rails on our railways, he candidly remarks that the new rails are almost all made in the United States, and that it is not probable that England will be called upon much longer to supply us with rails. He goes further, and, speaking of general manufactures, says England not only can no longer expect to get a market for her manufactures in the United States, but she must be prepared to find our manufacturers competing with her in every market to which they have access. Mr. Galton bluntly tells the *Times* that England should appreciate her true position in this matter, and he closes by urging

all Englishmen to visit Philadelphia, where they can see the development of American industry, and meet the leading manufacturers as well as the most prominent Americans of all classes.

As a contrast to this we have to notice a communication from M. de Somerard, chief of the French Centennial Commission, which appears in a recent issue of *Figaro*. The cable reports him as writing to some friend in Germany a series of very absurd calumnies against the management; such as that "repeated attempts had been made by the Americans to set fire to the buildings containing the empty cases of French goods, hoping thereby to destroy the French articles and merchandise stored in the galleries;" also that "the police employed by the Centennial Board are purposely chosen from the worst and most degraded elements in the United States;" also, that the judges are not only venal, but in collusion with the rogues—and many other statements of the same kind, all of which have been published in the Paris *Figaro*, a journal which lives upon sensations. American residents in Paris are said to be greatly scandalized at this publication, and expect the United States Minister at Paris to bring the matter to the attention of the French government, with a view to the Commissioner's recall.

Steel from Cast Iron.

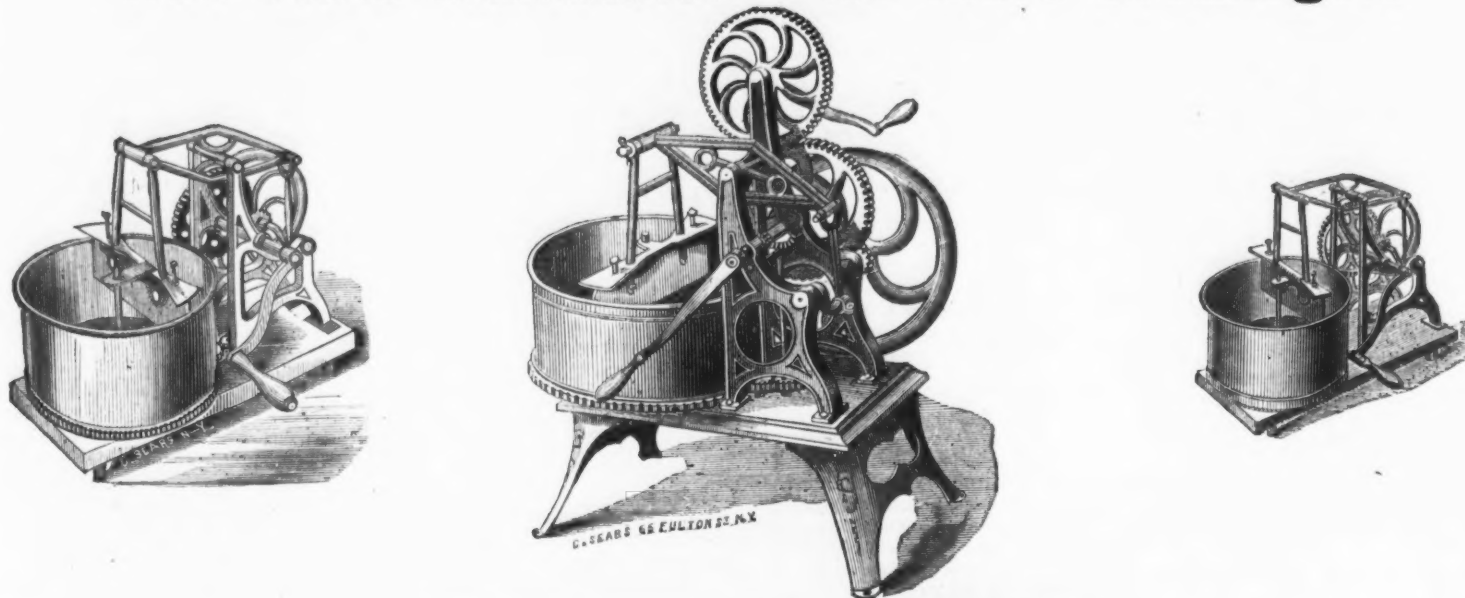
Important improvements have from time to time been introduced by the Foundries and Forges Company, of Terre Noire la Voulte and Besseges, France, for converting cast iron containing phosphoric impurities into steel or metal having the properties of steel, and they have now patented some further improvements. By their patents of 1874 and 1875 they claimed the manufacture by the Bessemer process of steel from cast iron more or less mixed with cinder iron and scrap iron, the cast iron, cinder iron and scrap iron being of any origin or quality whatsoever, provided that the aggregate does not contain more than four parts of phosphorus in the thousand; and that it has been shown in the method of manufacture—that is to say, by using to finish the operation alloys rich in iron and manganese and silicon. And, further, the manufacture of steel by the Siemens-Martin process, using cast iron and scrap iron of any origin and quality whatsoever, provided that the mixture contains not more than four parts of phosphorus in the thousand, and it has also been shown that this operation can only give working results by using as a final addition alloys rich in iron and manganese, or iron and silicon. But it may happen that cast iron suitable for the manufacture of Bessemer steel—that is to say, containing the proportions of carbon, silicon and manganese most conducive to the success of the operation—should be too costly or too difficult of production, whilst cast irons can be cheaply obtained, which from their composition could not be worked in Bessemer's apparatus, and which, notwithstanding the phosphorus contained, would be suitable for converting into steel by the Terre Noire processes. When the difference of prices between such cast irons and cinder irons at command is such that there is an advantage in increasing the proportions of finished cast iron, one of the Siemens-Martin processes consists in refining these cast irons either completely or partially by introducing into the bath oxidizing materials, such as ores of iron or manganese, metallic scoria, or even mineral salts, which by their decomposition disengage oxygen. It is even possible to omit the scrap iron altogether and use only cast iron and oxidizing materials.

The improved process of conversion, constituting the present invention, produces steels of very good quality, can be obtained by smelting in a furnace, whether with fixed or moveable bottom or whatever may be the plan of furnace, impure cast iron containing up to four parts of phosphorus in the thousand, and in refining these cast irons by metallic oxides or scoria or salts, provided that the operation is always finished by an addition of ferro-manganese and ferro-silicon, whose function it is to deoxidize the liquid mass, introducing only insignificant proportions of carbon. By these processes alloys of iron and manganese can be obtained, containing as much as 65 per cent. of manganese, and the use of these alloys render the process of conversion more certain and less costly. The chief features of novelty are the using as a final addition in manufacturing steel by the processes mentioned rich alloys of iron and manganese in the proportion of from 30 to 80 per cent. of manganese of iron, and silicon in the proportion of from 6 to 20 per cent. of silicon, and in proportion to the quantity of manganese that is added to the bath, whether 1 or 2 per cent. of the manganese or one-half or 1 per cent. silicon, starting with cast iron of a phosphoric nature, containing as much as 4 parts of phosphorus in the thousand, and refining the cast irons by metallic oxides, scoria oxidizing salts in any apparatus whatever. In carrying out the process the workmen take cast iron containing from one to four parts in the thousand of phosphorus, selecting that which is white by preference; proceed to melt it in a furnace, such as that known as the Martin-Siemens furnace, or other known furnace, either fixed or moveable, capable of giving the same degree of heat, or introduce the liquid or semi fluid iron in one of the said apparatus and proceed to refine it by the successive additions thereto of rich minerals, containing not more than three parts in the thousand of phosphorus; when the refining is so far advanced that the metal only contains traces of carbon, they add to the bath from 1 to 2½ per cent. of ferro-manganese containing at least 50 per cent. of manganese, and mix and run it. Metal obtained by this simple and economical process contains from one to four parts in the thousand of phosphorus and traces of carbon and manganese, and is well adapted for all the uses to which steel is now applied. It is mentioned that ferro-silicon may be substituted for the ferro-manganese when desirable.

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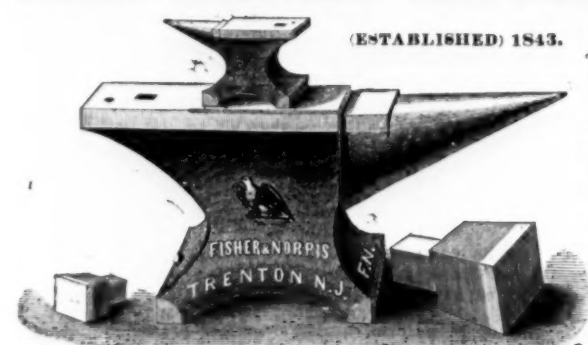
TRIAL OF THE IMPROVED LIGHTNING SAW.—The Emperor, DOM PEDRO, accompanied by Director-General Goshorn, Superintendent Albert and others, visited Machinery Hall, at the Centennial, on the evening of June 28th. Among other things inspected, at the invitation of E. M. Boynton, of New York they witnessed a trial of the new Lightning Saw, patented March 28, 1876. Two men with one of these saws cut off a round log of gum wood, one foot extreme diameter, in seven seconds, or at the rate of a cord of wood in five minutes. Messrs. Corlies, Morell, Lynch and other members of the commission witnessed the trial and timed the cutting. The Emperor remarked that was fast, very fast cutting. Last evening the Emperor made another examination of the saw. Philadelphia Press, June 30.

HOYTON'S SAWS were effectively tested before the Judges at the Philadelphia Fair, July 6th and 5th. An ash log 11 inches in diameter was sawed off, with a 4 1/2 foot Lightning cross saw, by two men, in precisely six seconds, as timed by the chairman of the Centennial Judges of class 15. The speed is unprecedented, and would cut a cord of wood in four minutes. The Representatives of Russia, Austria, France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Sweden, England, and several other countries were present, and expressed their high appreciation.

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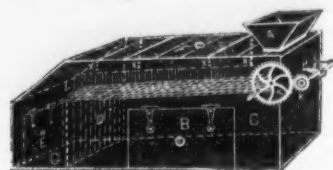
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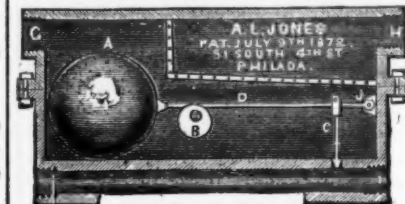
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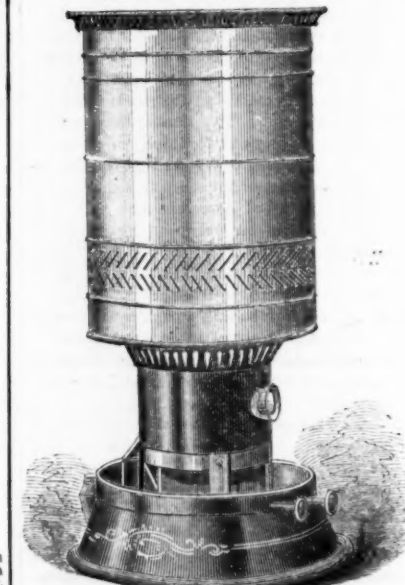
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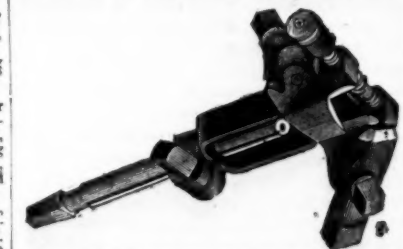
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Industrial Reform in France.

A remarkable convention of workmen was lately held in Paris, which merits much more than a passing notice. Three hundred and fifty delegates were present, representing all the principal industries of the country. Unlike previous gatherings of this kind it confined its attention wholly to the practical consideration of practical subjects. There was no discussion of politics, no time was wasted in building air castles of social reform and the spirit of the commune was not manifested in anything said or done. The convention had many grievances to complain of, but they were such as in the main grew out of simple economic conditions, and were susceptible, therefore, of easy remedies. One of these related to the unfair competition arising from the sale of convent and prison manufactured goods. It is affirmed that both convents and monasteries have of late years been turned into regular factories; that the nuns, moreover, take charge of numbers of little girls whose mothers are engaged in factories, and teach them various industries from patterns supplied by outsiders, and that the labor of these children is thus placed in competition with that of their parents, to the disadvantage of the latter. As an illustration of the extent of this competition, it is stated that no fewer than 150 convents work for one drapery shop in Paris alone. To restrain this competition legislation is commended. Much complaint was also made as to the ruinous competition of prison labor, but no one seemed to have any remedy to propose. There was a time when nothing was too preposterous for a French workmen's congress; a proposition to abolish the prisons, in order to get rid of convict labor, would have been received as an advanced idea. Now it is simply projected as a hardship which is not in a shape to be dealt with, save as subject for passing regret, with an expectation that something can be found in the future to remove it. The last annual return, it is stated, shows 915,421 days' work in sewing, shoemaking, false hair preparing, glove-making, &c., by 2933 female prisoners. Another complaint is that women leading an immoral life employ sempstresses at low wages for the purpose of cloaking their vice, selling the work without a profit. Sewing machines, it is likewise alleged, are injurious to health when worked for hours at a stretch, and relays of workers with improved seats have been suggested to remedy this evil. Peasant women, moreover, are said to work for drapers without other recompense than material for their own clothing; ploughmen, too, become *coiffeurs*, as if that trade were not especially fit for women only. Yet another grievance is that drapers employ male assistants to measure, cut out, and even to fit dresses. The remedies advocated are technical education, the allocation of certain employments to women, and a fixed tariff for work executed by both sexes. Industrial co-operation for women, not all its members necessarily receiving equal wages, was also strongly urged, as likewise workmen's syndicates, the functions of which should consist in the promotion of education and libraries, consumers' co-operative societies, and superannuation funds. We have no room to go over the whole ground traversed by the Congress, but enough has been said to corroborate what we have said about the disposition of its members to turn over a new leaf, letting politics and the reconstruction of society alone, in order to deal with the more practical matters before them. The result, undoubtedly, will be the application of many valuable reforms calculated not only to improve the condition of the workman himself, but what is scarcely less important, the maintenance of French industrial skill at the high standard that it has always occupied among the European handicrafts. We have been accustomed to look upon the French as a nation of impracticables—"idealists"—as the first Napoleon called them. We venture to say, however, that it has been many years since we have had as sensible and well ordered a discussion in any American labor congress. Since the end of the Franco-German war, and the organization of the present French Republic, the people of France have grown wiser, and what it has lost in military prestige it is now in a fair way to regain by substantial triumphs in the arts of peace.

The Berlin papers record the bursting of a 15 ton Krupp gun, which exploded during proof at Kumersdorf. At the fiftieth round it was broken in two pieces; the forward portion was projected about 20 yards, and after turning over several times, struck the ground, in which it formed a large pit. The rear part of the gun, weighing more than 10 tons, was thrown in the opposite direction about 12 yards from the carriage. The projectile, curiously enough, continued its flight unaffected. It is not stated whether the gun was built on the latest model adopted by Krupp; probably it was, as we believe all the guns now made at Essen are steel jacketed. This explosion is another proof of the unreliability of steel when employed, as in the Krupp guns, especially for large calibers. It will be remembered also that there was recently a violent and disastrous explosion of another gun at Podgoritz.

An ingenious device for preventing the formation of smoke in fires under boilers has been patented in England. The plan is to bore, just above the fire door of the boiler, a couple of circular holes of about 2½ inches diameter, and then insert two pipes, which run at the top of the furnace for about one-third or half its distance. A small pipe connected with the boiler drives a jet of steam into each of the pipes, which thus creates two strong draughts of air. This air is rarified by the steam, and is driven right into the center of the flame and smoke from the furnace, thus precipitating the carbon and preventing its escape in those dense clouds which are so offensive in large cities. It is said to accomplish the results desired.

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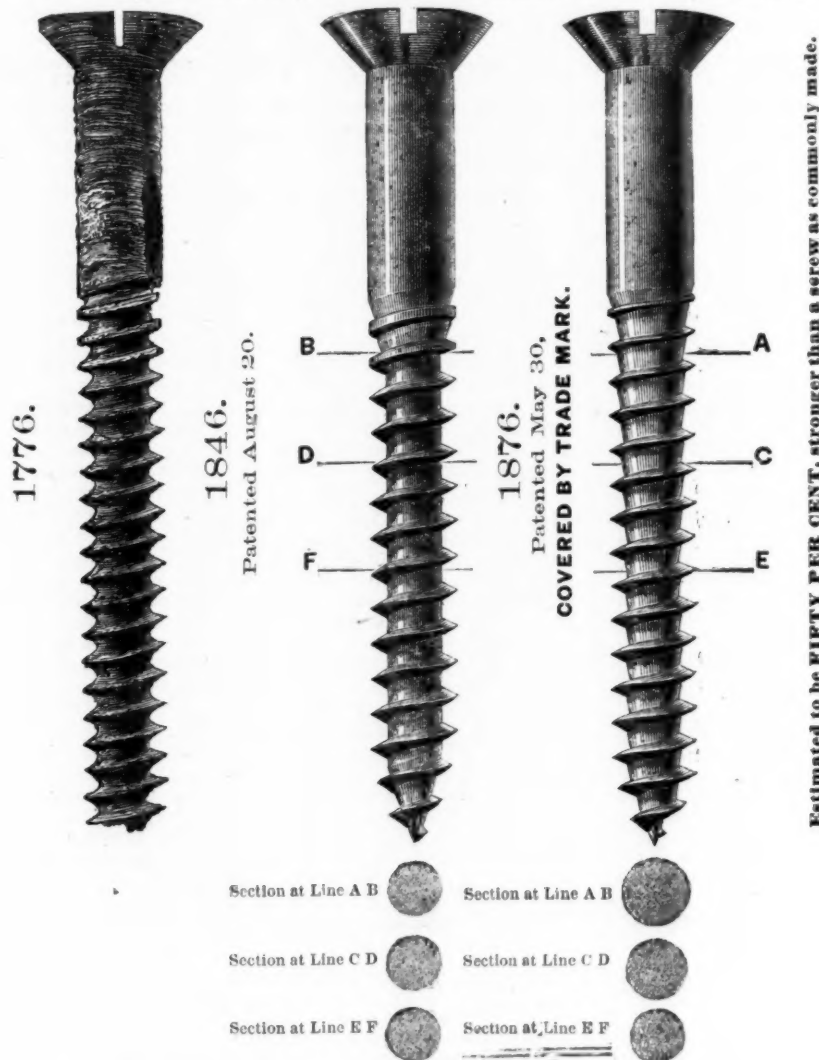


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Feather Respirator.—A cheap and effective respirator for excluding dust from the lungs in grinding, shoe-buffing, and the like dusty occupations, is described in *Scribner's* for November. Paper and feathers and similar ready materials are the ones used. The guard for the mouth and nostrils may be made of stiff cloth or paper in any convenient size and shape. The opening for air must be in the form of a pipe or tube about 3 centimeters (13-16 inches) in diameter, and with the open end pointed downward just below the mouth. Select a number of fine soft feathers, like the leg feathers of a pheasant, and lay them close together on a piece of tape, and fasten the quills down with glue. In this way, make a fringe of feathers on the tape 50 centimeters (20 inches) long. Wind the tape round the outside of the table of the respirator, so that the feathers make a thick fringe below and about the mouth of the tube. In use, the respirator may be secured over the mouth by a tape round the head. In breathing through the tube, each inhalation will draw the feathers inward, till they close it securely against the entrance of dust. At the expiration the feathers will fall apart, and leave the tube clear for the escaping breath.

A Large Order for Steel Rails.—The Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean Railway has placed orders for 215,000 tons of steel rails. The whole order will form a sort of "stock job" for about 5 years, for the Chatillon, Commentry, Terrenoire, Creusot, Denain and Firminy establishments, and will furnish sufficient material for a renewal of a third of the whole length of the permanent way of the company, releasing an enormous quantity of old material. If general business improves, the price of steel is certain to rise, and if it goes up to its normal rate of \$55, the Paris and Lyons Company will have netted over \$1,550,000 on its order, which it gave out at the rate of \$47.77. The Chatillon, Commentry, Commentry-Fourchambault, the Marine Steel Works, the St. Etienne Steel Works, and the Firminy Steel Works were not long since joined in a syndicate for opposing the competition of certain steel works, and for the mutual division of large orders. This syndicate was dissolved just before the large order we have spoken of was given out.

Sheffield Armor Plates at Philadelphia.—The London *Times* says: In Machinery Hall Great Britain has been most deficient in the supply of forgings, or specimens to show the working qualities of iron and steel. This is much to be regretted for various reasons. The position is, in some measure, redeemed by two exhibitors, Charles Cammell & Co. and John Brown & Co., both of Sheffield, who submit a few magnificent specimens of their armor plates in order to show the high qualities of the materials used in their manufacture. Most of the plates have been tested with shot, which brought out the remarkable malleability and other properties of the iron. Nothing but the finest quality could have submitted to such peculiar changes of form around the parts indented without producing fracture. These specimens excited far greater interest than would have been bestowed on new plates, and have done much to enhance the British display at Philadelphia.

Trade unionism has been brought to perfection in Warwickshire. You get it there unadulterated—the real article. It is the kind of unionism Ebenezer Elliott had in his mind when he wrote—

What is a Unionist? One who has yearnings
For an equal division of unequal earnings;
Idle or bungler, or both, he is willing
To work out his penny, and pocket your shilling.
A "lodge" of miners in Warwickshire has contributed £6000 to the union's funds in four years and a half, but the members have received £13,000 from the union in the same period as "strike pay" and "benefits." The union is just beginning to suspect that its connection with this voracious "lodge" is unprofitable. A "lodge" so disposed might go on "striking" all the year round, and demand "pay" from the union to which it was affiliated. If the scheme for the federation of trades unions were adopted, the men of any trade might "strike" and fall back on the accumulated funds of all the unions in the Kingdom. One "lodge" might calmly set about spending the money of the "federated unions"—as mites eat into a cheese.

The New Orleans *Times* says that the progress of work on the Mississippi jetties is more encouraging. The least depth at the mouth is 23 feet and three-tenths at mean low tide. In the narrowest part of the channel, which is 185 feet wide, soundings indicate a depth of 20 feet, which, at high water, will admit of the passage of the most heavily laden vessels, while at the head of the Pass the present stage of low water has made it necessary to put a dredging machine into operation to assist the current in the work of scouring, which thus far has deepened the outlet to the sea from about seven feet to what it now is. The works are being rapidly pushed to completion, a full quota of hands being constantly employed.

A local sensation has been created in Jersey City by the discovery of a gold mine while sinking a well. The workmen, after passing through a vein of iron ore, struck a quartz vein containing gold at a depth of 900 feet. Geologists suppose that this quartz belongs to the Appalachian range, running from Nova Scotia to the Gulf and having outcroppings in Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia.

American Institute of Mining Engineers.

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The following is an abstract of the discussion which followed the reading of Mr. Wetherell's paper on anthracite mining, an abstract of which was printed in our issue of last week. The discussion brought out some very interesting facts respecting coal mining:

Mr. R. P. Rothwell stated that though the method of hauling by chains had not been adopted in the anthracite regions, he had seen something very similar in some of the bituminous mines near Pittsburgh. He would like to ask Mr. Wetherell if he had any data which would show the waste of the different systems—that is, what per cent. of the theoretical amount of the coal was sold. Some years ago he had occasion to make a careful calculation in a mine worked by the men. The coal had been badly squeezed, so that when it began to run it was allowed to continue until what came out of the breasts was too badly mixed with slate to pay for separating it. The amount marketed was about 30 per cent. of the theoretical amount of the coal.

Mr. Wetherell stated that he had made no such calculation.

Mr. E. B. Cox stated that sometime ago he calculated the percentage marketed of the theoretical amount of coal in a very large colliery on the Mammoth vein, some 1,000,000 tons, and, calculating the specific gravity at 1.55, the amount marketed was 25 per cent. This did not include the amount of overweight nor what was burned at the mine. There were also squeezes which would at places reduce the thickness of the vein, but he would say that with our present system of mining 25 per cent. to 30 per cent. of the theoretical coal is all that we can expect to win.

Mr. O. J. Heinrich spoke of the extensive wastefulness of the methods of mining, and the effect of this in the competition that is coming with the bituminous region. The amount of bituminous coal can hardly be expressed in figures. Anthracite is limited, and it is a serious question whether you had not better begin to economize. Your rival (bituminous coal) can afford to lose more than you can.

Mr. Wetherell said no one will attempt to defend the present processes of mining in the anthracite region.

Prof. R. W. Raymond said that the theory of mining is to rob the pillars in working backward, though the practice is different, and a large amount is lost in not getting the pillars. This loss is not from the crushing of the pillars, but from the filling of the gangways.

A gentleman stated that at the Longdale mines of Mr. Firminstone, in Virginia, all of the pillars had been robbed in working backward, but one very small pillar having been lost.

The question of the manner of working breasts was discussed at some length, the impression prevailing that the best and most economical way was to work them in pairs with a small pillar between the two, and a larger one between the pairs.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MINING ENGINEERS ON THE NOMENCLATURE OF IRON AND STEEL.*

Whereas, The recent production of soft, cast, malleable compounds of iron by the Bessemer, the Siemens-Martin and the crucible steel processes appears to demand a new nomenclature of iron compounds, for the following reasons:

1st. The term "steel," by which these soft products are commercially and professionally designated in England and in the United States, does not completely distinguish them from previously existing "steel" which would harden and temper.

2d. A nomenclature recognized in all languages seems desirable, as well for commercial as for scientific purposes, especially as lawsuits, already commenced, depend on the meaning of the term "steel."

3d. Although homogeneity, due to fusion, is usually recognized and is by this committee recognized as the most definite characteristic of both hard and soft steel, this quality may be equally well expressed in other terms, thus leaving the old term, "steel," to define the malleable compounds of iron, which will harden and temper.

Therefore, resolved, That this committee recommend the following nomenclature:

I. That all malleable compounds of iron with its ordinary ingredients, which are aggregated from pasty masses, or from piles, or from any form of iron not in a fluid state, and which will not sensibly harden and temper, and which generally resemble what is called "wrought iron," shall be called *weld iron* (German, *Schweiseneisen*; French, *fer soudé*).

II. That such compounds, when they will from any cause harden and temper, and which resemble what is now called "puddled steel," shall be called *weld steel* (German, *Schweisestahl*; French, *acier soudé*).

III. That all compounds of iron with its ordinary ingredients, which have been cast from a fluid state into malleable masses, and which will not sensibly harden by being quenched in water, while at a red heat, shall be called *ingot iron* (German, *Flusseisen*; French, *fer fondu*).

IV. That all such compounds, when they will from any cause harden, shall be called *ingot steel* (German, *Flusstahl*; French, *acier fondu*).

(Signed) L. LOWTHIAN BELL, P. TUNNER, A. L. HOLLEY, DR. HERMANN WEDDING, RICHARD AKERMAN, THOMAS EGGLESTON, L. GRUNER.

In presenting the report, Mr. A. L. Holley remarked that at the last meeting of the Institute, upon the motion of Dr. Eggleston, and following the very interesting discussion upon the paper of Dr. Wedding on the nomenclature of iron and steel, a committee was appointed, of which the chair was one, to consider this whole subject of the nomenclature of iron and steel, and to reconcile the differences of opinion which existed in regard to this subject. This committee consisted of L. Lowthian Bell, England; Dr. Hermann Wedding, Germany; Peter Tunner, Austria; Richard Akerman, Sweden; L. Gruner, France; A. L. Holley

* Read at the October Meeting.

and Thomas Eggleston, United States, and the report is as given.

Mr. William Metcalf, of Pittsburgh, followed Mr. Holley with a paper against the proposed nomenclature, or any change in the existing one. Mr. Metcalf said that although he had read the discussion on nomenclature with much interest, he had failed to observe that any steel maker or manufacturer had anything to say on the subject. Having had various conversations, more particularly with Mr. Holley, during the last summer, but also with other persons, members of the committee on the subject, of a nomenclature of iron and steel, I knew before hand what the substance of the report would be, and I thought it proper to present a protest of a steel manufacturer against this nomenclature. It is the object of this paper to oppose unnecessary changes, and the introduction of new and confusing terms.

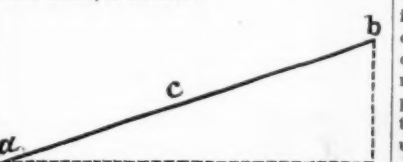
From the earliest times of which we have record of the subject iron has been divided into generic classes; whether iron was first known in the form of wrought iron or steel is of no importance. The earliest method of steel manufacture was from wrought iron by the process known as cementation. Steel was then properly defined as iron containing more carbon than wrought iron; cast iron, as containing more carbon than steel.

In the year 1770, when Huntsman began the manufacture of a new kind of iron by molding in molds, both definitions were all that could be desired. After this only to carbonized wrought iron melted in crucibles was given the name of cast steel. In 1855 the Bessemer process was introduced. This was followed by the Siemens-Martin process, and the products of both have ever since been called cast steel. I think at the present time we have three kinds of cast steel—the crucible, the Bessemer, the Siemens-Martin or open hearth.

German steel and shear steel are becoming rapidly a thing of the past. Such being the facts, an effort was made by those familiar with the subject to adopt to the word *steel* a definition better suited to present application. We have been told that the application of the word *steel* in this country embraces machinery steel, plate steel, open hearth steel, etc., and that they understand this thing better abroad. During the summer, as I have been thrown into contact with foreign gentlemen, I have taken occasion to observe carefully their use of the word *steel*, and I find that they speak of steel as we do, as machinery steel, tool steel, homogeneous steel, as if they knew no other names. There is no confusion of ideas in such uses of words.

The present nomenclature of steel is entirely understood between makers and users of steel. It has had a growth of more than a century, and not of a few years, and there is no impropriety in calling a specific kind of steel by a specific name.

In continuing the discussion on this subject, Mr. Metcalf referred to a diagram drawn on the black board, as follows:



I will consider first the most simple classes of cast iron and cast steel, and regard them with reference to carbon and iron only. In these various grades let the highest percentage of carbon known be represented by *b* at a given distance above the horizontal line, and the lowest percentage being at the other end of the horizontal line at point *a*. Or, more properly, let the point *a* represent the purest iron. Then the straight line *ab* will represent the differing amounts of carbon in iron. I propose to show that there is in some respects a continuity of properties from *b* to *a*, while in other respects the properties give different ones.

First, in reference to structure. Beginning at *b* iron containing the highest percentage of carbon, we have a very coarse, gray, brittle, lustrous structure. As we move toward *a* the luster grows dim until we have a dim, lusterless gray iron; further down we have a mottled surface, interspersed with white spots, which gradually increase in size as we move along, and finally it contains only a few graying the various grades of pig iron from gray through mottled to white. In this class of iron the difference in carbon of one-tenth of one per cent. can be observed with accuracy.

There is no exact point between cast iron and cast steel. Beginning at *a*, we have a bright, silvery luster, alternately light and dark, having very much the appearance of the grain of oak wood.

Mr. Metcalf described the various gradations in luster of steel so well known, but which he stated it would be difficult to describe in words, though the appearance of the different forms of iron under consideration is so marked that they would not be mistaken.

Specific gravity, hardness, density, strength, resistance to compression and resilience, and other properties of iron, were treated upon, and the diagram used to show the relations existing between cast iron and cast steel in these respects.

In answering the question, To what shall we attribute hardening? the various theories were examined, and in answer to the point that hardening is a characteristic of steel, the speaker said: If in the hardening of cast steel or cast iron there are definite points, and any one can tell us where it is, if told at this point we have hardening and below this no action, we will gladly agree that up to such a point we have iron, and below it steel, and over them cast iron.

Mr. Metcalf objected to any change in the names cast iron, wrought iron and steel, because they were old names and well understood,

having been in use for over 100 years, and suggested that the names of Bessemer steel, Martin steel, and others which have become well defined, should be continued in use.

In the discussion following the reading of the report and Mr. Metcalf's paper, Dr. Raymond asked whether the proposed nomenclature included pig iron.

Mr. Metcalf: It does not go to that extent. Dr. Raymond: Then, although "ingot steel" takes the place of what we call cast steel, "ingot iron" does not take the place of what we call cast iron?

Mr. Holley: Not at all, ingot iron only refers to crucible products.

Mr. Howe: We know that the properties imparted to iron by fusion are very important; but this nomenclature, while taking cognizance of these, leaves out of the question entirely the very important properties which carbon gives. Why should these be ignored? Why should not the committee give us a nomenclature that will express both the idea they have expressed in ingot iron containing properties which fusion gives, and at the same time those which carbon imparts? Why not express both of these ideas at the same time? Mr. Metcalf's argument that the property of hardening exists to a certain extent in all compounds of iron I do not see the force of. Many of our most important nomenclatures are based on the possession of important properties.

Mr. Holley: The gentleman who has spoken has presented some ingenious difficulties which he proposes to have remedied. I would emphasize how they are to be remedied by simply saying *Howe*.

Prof. W. P. Blake: The classification used at Creusot has found great favor in France. It seems to me that the adoption or promulgation of a commercial classification like that should receive some recognition or some mention in the discussion of the subject. I believe that the examination of that classification will show that they have found it necessary to favor the terms claimed by the gentleman who spoke last. I mention this to draw out some information in reference to that classification which my memory does not serve me sufficiently to give. But it interested me a year or two ago when I looked into it.

Dr. Raymond: I feel unprepared to meet a question brought before us so forcibly and concisely, and with such weight of authority, as the question brought to-night. It requires careful thought. I wish, therefore, to get it clearly before my own mind and that of the other gentlemen present interested in the subject, rather than to take any pronounced position on a subject where we are willing to be enlightened. I began by asking one or two questions. I wish to continue more in the same line. First, I understand the committee has given us a compromise report. The definition of steel, which was so ably advocated by Mr. Holley, which I think corresponds with the classification at Creusot—a definition which you all approve for its admirable conciseness—that definition this committee has not adopted, neither has it declared itself against any recognition of the newer light thrown upon the subject by later processes, and particularly of the high temperatures, the modern processes, which have enabled us to make wrought iron which had not been possible to any extent before; and therefore have given us an iron which is chemically like wrought iron—not unlike structurally—I say they have not done one thing or the other, but they have made a compromise. A compromise in such cases as this, when there are two nomenclatures, and where there is a struggle for supremacy, has the effect of inducing the third, and then we will have three fighting. I state I take no ground on the subject. I do not feel competent to decide in a moment, when the thing has been presented in so concise a manner as in the paper. If all the gentlemen are ready to settle the question as to what is the characteristic quality of steel, and to say in their opinion it is homogeneity, I prefer to be silent. For these reasons the course I would advocate would be to postpone the adoption of that report, to receive it also in a manner not at all slighting to the gentlemen, but simply to add it to the records of the society and to hold on for a little while longer. However, I have one or two questions to ask. Mr. Holley tells us that the nomenclature does not go so far as to cover pig iron, therefore pig iron or cast iron remains where it was before. If I understand his answer to my second question, ingot steel is the same as cast steel. If that is the case, I respectfully protest against putting a new name to the same thing.

Mr. Howe: I think that Dr. Raymond has not stated the case fairly; as I understand it, ingot steel is not to be what Mr. Metcalf means by cast steel. There is a very important difference. It seems to me if any of these four expressions is used there can be no confusion. If you could perfect the nomenclature, the old expressions would be none less than before.

Dr. Raymond: In view of the meaning of the term ingot, is there not considerable objection to using ingot iron while we have another called cast iron? I do not wish to get up here as champion of any opposition to this report. I want light upon it. I learn for the first time there is going to be a provision made for a new name for cast iron, and that certain products, which I now understand to include what is called structural steel, as Mr. Holley has heretofore called them, are now called ingot iron.

Mr. Holley: It does not belong in this nomenclature at all.

Mr. Raymond: The question is whether these names are well chosen. First, whether the distinctions are well taken; and, second, whether the names are happily chosen.

Mr. Holley: If it is a question of philology with Dr. Raymond we will give it up. I would rather not say anything more about this subject, because I have said too much already. I

have been heard too much on the nomenclature of iron and steel, which is getting stale. I would like to say that iron and steel are perfectly well defined commercially. All the ingot products, all the products of fusion are called steel commonly, and are sold as steel; whether they contain .05 per cent. of carbon, or whether they contain 2 1/4 per cent. of carbon, they are called steel and sold as steel. We know the commercial nomenclature is bound to win in the long run. However, there have been some philosophical and scholastic objections to this nomenclature, chiefly started by my friend, Professor Eggleston, and backed up by Mr. Ackerman and Mr. Tunner. They propose to upset this American commercial nomenclature by something they have to offer. After all we have got to say there is some percentage of carbon in steel, and it is getting to be a commercial fact that people order steel as such a per cent. of carbon steel, and so much manganese and so much carbon, and steel is going to be defined by the percentages and those elements that enter into it. This is ignoring the views expressed before. Let us compromise it, if you wish to call it so, on what makes the nomenclature more international. Let us wait until the next Centennial before we have a final nomenclature of iron as it is.

Dr. Raymond: Mr. Holley knows probably as well as any member of the Institute my personal position in regard to this matter. What I am fighting for, he says, surrenders the whole ground, and does it to this compromise commission. So far as I know upon this subject, or thought upon it, I am heartily in favor of applying the term steel to all the products of the Bessemer process. The only points on which I have differed from Mr. Holley have been in regard to laying down the definition of steel. I do not wish confusion. The way to get along would be to add another word to steel making, a noun and the adjective. Mr. Holley would have no difficulty in using a noun and adjective if we can define exactly what we mean. Now, Mr. Holley tells us, and it is a notorious and ever growing fact, that the commercial nomenclature is going through, that the Bessemer product will be called steel, and the grade of the steel will be determined by the carbon it contains. The greater objection is this, if I understand the proposition made by this commission, the Bessemer manufacturer will be manufacturing in one heat one thing, and another in another heat. In one he will make iron, and in another steel, and if Mr. Holley, acting upon the report of the distinguished commission, makes ingot iron as a scientific man, as a manufacturer he will blow it all in the winds, and manufacture steel only.

Mr. Holley: I do not understand really why you say that, because in the Bessemer works we sometimes make iron and sometimes steel in successive heats.

Dr. Raymond: I do not see how I could so misunderstand as to suppose the Bessemer process is going to be changed as to the influence of this definition in pending lawsuits. I have only one word to say. It is a new point to me, but lawsuits are not to be settled by that definition.

Mr. Holley: Suppose we try to improve our nomenclature a little at a time, and not try to make it absolutely and theoretically perfect at once.

Prof. Eggleston: I would say the report was proposed, as it were, as a provisional report, and therefore a report not to be adopted at once. However, I did not rise to say that. I can remember the time when Bessemer steel was not so called. It was Bessemer iron. The terms that are proposed are for the English, the German and French, the same terms as used for a long time and accepted by the Germans and French portion of the Commission with a great deal of warmth, as Mr. Gruner expresses in his letter, and as the German members of the commission have also said in their letters and by word of mouth, they are no words that are new. We use words a little strange but not new, but if they appear a little strange at first we have the advantage of terms identical in three languages. When we use any one of those terms it will be an advantage. You will know what is meant if you use the translation of the word steel; it means one thing in German, another in French, and another in English. I would myself have been pleased if the English terms had been a little more English. In view of the fact that all the members of the committee speaking English agreed to this, and the terms are terms which can be translated into different languages, I think it would be a great advance. Now the great matter as I conceive in this is we have exactly representative terms in the different languages, and no vote of this Institute, or any other Institute, is going to make these terms adopted if those using the terms, the scientific world, reject them. That I think is the only ground. The question is, Will the world at large, the different nations, adopt them? I think the question is going to be open to considerable discussion.

Mr. Gruner has held these views for a long time, and expressed them as being a great advance in scientific nomenclature, and just as soon as he is at liberty to do so, he intends to publish the report in full. The committee have made a great advance, even suppose you call it a compromise. So far as Mr. Holley is concerned it may be a compromise; with regard to the rest of the committee it is not a compromise.

The curious correspondence of railway progress in Europe and America may be illustrated by the following comparison. This includes, under the latter head, the whole of the railway systems of the North and South American countries. In 1855 the mileage of the European systems was 21,144, and of the American systems, 20,155. In 1860 they were respectively 32,081 and 33,539, America thus getting slightly

in advance. In 1865, the civil war having retarded American progress, the European mileage was 46,696, and the American 33,845. But in 1870 they were respectively 64,448 and 58,477; and in 1875 America had further recovered the lost ground, for the railway mileage was only 88,007 against 83,910 miles of American rail. The American extensions during the last decade have been in fact greater than the European, the former amounting to 45,075 miles, and the latter to 41,311 miles.

Slag Paving Blocks.—The Birmingham Post says: There is now a possibility of the "Staffordshire oysters," as the scoria from blast furnaces are facetiously called in this district, being turned to profitable account.

Mr. Joseph Woodward, of Bedale, Yorkshire, having patented an invention for making the scoria into blocks for road and footpath pavement, has put down a plant at Messrs. Turley's blast furnaces, the Factory, Tipton, in order to produce blocks for the purpose. The molten slag runs from the furnaces into molds, which are fixed upon a rotary frame, and as fast as one mold is filled another presents itself to the stream. The molds are opened whilst the blocks are red-hot, and placed in a kiln at a certain heat, and there they stay for 24 hours. This is all the process, and it requires two men and two boys to use up 30 tons of slag per day. When ready for use the blocks are very clean and hard. They turn a chisel, and the inventor claims for them that they are impervious to wet, and, consequently, to frost; the surface is level, but of such a nature that it bites the iron of the horses' shoes; the surface is chamfered, and so no horse could slip, whilst the chamfering, provided the street were laid upon a convenient gradient, would render the pavement a self-cleansing one. The blocks are made in five sizes in order to provide for different purposes; are cheap, and Mr. Woodward's effort to utilize the slag is the most successful which has been seen in South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire.

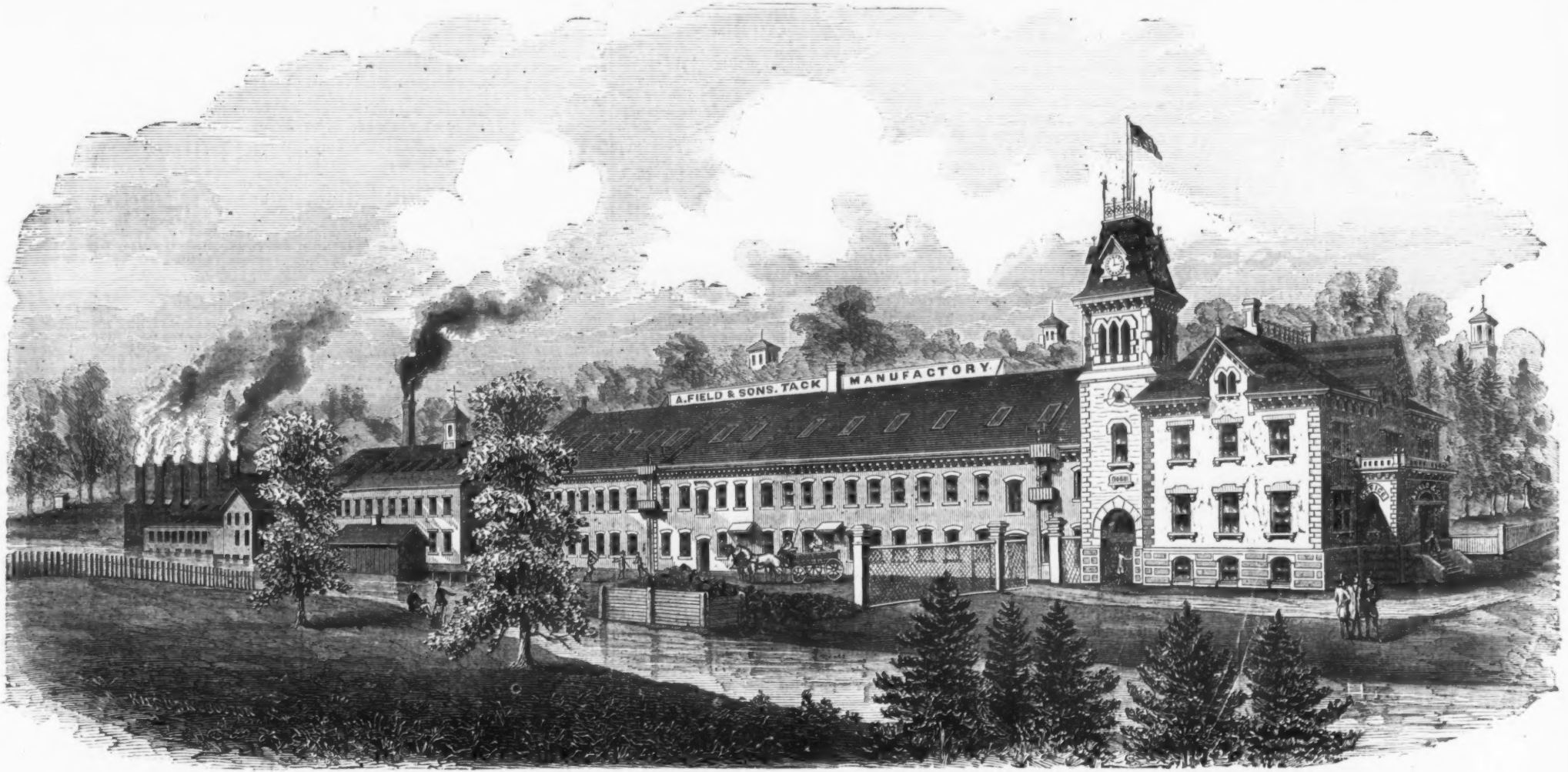
Preservation of Timbers.—Some observations have lately been made on German railways concerning the life of sleepers, which have a value outside of railway practice. It is found that of pine sleepers impregnated with chloride of zinc, after twenty-one years of service, the proportion that had been renewed was 31 per cent.; of beech sleepers impregnated with creosote, after twenty-two years, 46 per cent. had been renewed; of oak sleepers, not impregnated, after seventeen years, 49 per cent. had been renewed; of oak sleepers treated with chloride of zinc, at the expiration of seventeen years, 20.7 per cent. had been renewed. In all of these cases the conditions to which the wood had been exposed were very favorable, the road-bed being a very good one and permitting of excellent drainage. Test samples taken from sleepers that were allowed to remain at the expiration of the respective periods named, exhibited a perfectly round cross-section. From another series of experiments made on a different road in the same country, extending over a shorter period of time, the following results were obtained: According to these observations the proportion of renewals was, with oak sleepers (not treated) after twelve years of service, 74.45 per cent.; with oak sleepers, treated with chloride of zinc, after seven years, 3.29 per cent.; with oak sleepers impregnated with creosote oil, after six years, 0.09 per cent.; with pine sleepers, impregnated with chloride of zinc, after seven years of service, 4.46 per cent. The practice of this road, since the year 1870, has been to employ only oak for sleepers, which are impregnated either with chloride of zinc or with creosote oil.

Straightening Shafting.—Mr. J. J. Hill, of Hayden's Ferry, Arizona, tells how to straighten shafts which have been warped by heat, or otherwise sprung. He says: "Lay the shaft on bearings at each end, with the arched side up, about one foot from the ground; then build a fire (wood will answer) under the part or parts to be straightened. When hot, chill the top side which is to be straightened with water, which can be best done with a swab; continue the heating and chilling till the work is complete. Allow the heat to come back to the top side between each chilling, to quicken the process and to ascertain when complete. After the shaft is hot, a very little fire will be required to continue the heat. I think that any kind or size of metal shafting can be straightened by this process. I made the experiment on a wrought iron shaft five inches in diameter and 12 feet long, that was sprung three inches by being burnt off a mill. It was only two hours from the time I built the fire under it till it was perfectly straight."

Demidoff is said to be the richest man in Russia, and he is certainly more extensively engaged in industrial occupations than any other subject of the Czar. He owns the town of Nigetalsk, in the Ural, and his 13 establishments cover altogether an area of about 38,000 acres. It is more particularly with iron that Mr. Demidoff deals, but he finds also upon his property manganese, copper, lead, gold, diamonds, etc. At his iron works, Mr. Demidoff now produces iron in bars, plates, rails and steel to the aggregate extent of 27,000 tons per annum. The number of workmen employed by Mr. Demidoff is about 11,000.

It appears from recent explorations and surveys that the work of turning the Atlantic Ocean into the Great Desert of Africa is not so formidable an undertaking as was at first supposed. It is only necessary to cut a channel through a bar about 300 yards wide. The level of the desert immediately behind this obstruction is some 330 feet below the sea level, which will give a pretty fair depth of water over which to steam into the fertile heart of Africa.

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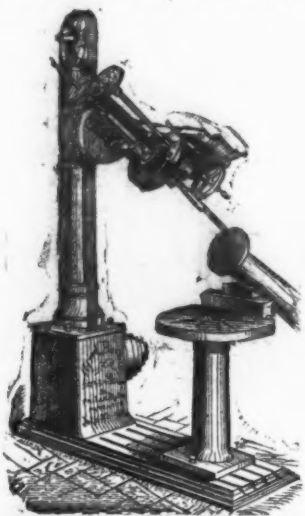
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radial arm. The latter is carried by a split sleeve upon the column, which is furnished with two through bolts which clamp it upon the column, holding it rigidly in any position in which it is adjusted. The vertical adjustment is by means of a rack and pinion operated by a worm and gear, the latter acting as a ratchet and preventing the possibility of the arm dropping when the holding bolts are loosened. Beside its radial adjustment the arm may be swiveled by means of a worm and gear, so as to allow of drilling upon any angle each side of the perpendicular, not exceeding 90°. This is obviously a great convenience, as it allows of drilling in the ends of long work, such as flanged pipe, shafts, &c., which would otherwise necessitate the use of a horizontal machine or the slow process of hand drilling. The swivel being accurately indexed may without difficulty be set at the required angle. The transverse of the head is by means of a screw having a detachable crank at end of the arm. The feed is of ample stroke, and arranged for hand only. The spindle is back geared and has all changes of speed and ample power, suitable for holes from 0 up to 6 inches diameter. The belt is led, by means of a series of idlers, from the internal pulley around that on the spindle over the top of the column and down again, so that the tension is not affected by the changes of position of the head or arm. By the use of this device the machine runs noiselessly on the fastest speed, and the manufacturers also claim a great reduction in running friction, and a consequent gain of power over the bevel gear method of transmission. A circular table having rotary and vertical adjustments (the latter by a device similar to that of the radial arm) is carried by a stand which is bolted in any required position upon the slotted base plate, and when drilling large work may be removed entirely. The machine is well built throughout, all sliding bearings being scraped, and the materials used being such as are best adapted to the purpose. The machine may be seen in operation in the shops of Messrs. Box & Co., Nos. 312 and 314 Green street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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This firm having one of the largest manufacturing establishments in Philadelphia have enjoyed a large share of the business resulting from the Centennial, the aggregate being somewhat over \$90,000. The establishment known as the "Junction Car Works and Fine Mill" covers under roof more than seven acres of ground, while the yard space for handling material, &c., amounts to as much more. This is exclusive of the finest wharf property on the Schuylkill River (the works being located about two squares from the latter), having a depth of water of about 20 feet on the front and in the side docks. A steam crane of about 50 tons capacity, and numerous railroad tracks connecting with the P. R. R., P. W. & B., and through them with all of the innumerable railroad lines centering in Philadelphia, render the facilities of the firm for unloading goods and material from vessels and loading them directly on the cars at one handling, for rail transportation unequalled in Philadelphia. To meet the requirements of this branch of their business the firm have for some years past owned a powerful switching locomotive, which is kept constantly employed about the establishment in shifting cars and trucks, loaded and unloaded. In order to meet the anticipated demand for transfer and transportation of goods and material for the Centennial, it was considered necessary to improve the wharf by dredging

the docks, increasing the capacity of the steam-crane, laying additional tracks, &c., &c., all of which involved a heavy outlay, amounting to no less than \$25,000. The result, however, as shown by the figures, indicates that this sum was well expended, the greatly improved facilities giving the firm entire control of all business in this line. All of the exhibits, material, &c., arriving at this port by water were transferred to rail, and a large proportion delivered at the grounds by them, thereby effecting a very material saving in time and expense. Among the heaviest of the articles handled were the ordnance exhibits of the United States and foreign governments, and the extensive display of Herr Krupp. Two of these guns, the 20 inch Rodman and the 14 inch Krupp rifle, although weighing over fifty tons each, were transferred from the vessels to their positions in the grounds without the slightest accident of any kind. The Prussian steamer Esen of 925 tons register and drawing 18 feet of water, was unloaded at this wharf, and at one time during the busiest period of the preparation no less than three vessels were discharging their cargoes at once, while several were lying in the stream awaiting their turn. The depth of water in the channel from the Delaware river to the wharf is 20 feet, and as all bridges below this point are either draw or pivot, there is no difficulty in bringing up full rigged vessels of the larger class. In addition to this branch, the business of the firm embraces a large variety, including all kinds of lap-welded tubes, flues and fittings, bolts, nuts, washers, rivets, &c., railroad, plumbers and gas fitters' tools and supplies, bridge and building iron work of every description. In addition to the above the extensive car shops, in the complete equipment of which no expense has been spared, enable them to turn out every description of railroad cars and iron work for the same (with the exception of passenger cars), as many as 400 cars per month having been finished and run out. The exhibit of the firm in Machinery Hall (Section B 24), a description of which was contained in *The Iron Age* of June 29th, although very extensive, necessarily leaves unrepresented several important branches of the business. The iron and wood work for the Centennial buildings and material furnished exhibitors amounted to about \$70,000, the balance of the gross sum first mentioned being for unloading and transportation. Judging from the constant extensions and improvements going on about their works, Messrs. Allison & Co. would appear to secure a very fair proportion of the business doing, and the industry observable in almost every department could hardly be considered as suggestive of dull times.

Life of Steel Rails.

The government councillor of Cologne gives the following statistics in regard to his experience with Bessemer steel rails. The most interesting of these we translate from the *Deutsche Industrie Zeitung*:

In the year 1864 an experimental strip was laid near Oberhausen, on the Cologne and Minden Railroad. In the last four years 1800 vehicles, on an average, have passed over each rail daily. After ten years wear the following percentage of rails have been renewed:

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On the main line of the Cologne and Minden Railroad, which is used most, out of the 266,378 meters of iron rails laid there (3/4 fine grained and 1/4 fibrous iron) with an average age of 6.98 years, 6.75 per cent. were taken up and relaid, while on the same road out of 983,494 meters of Bessemer steel rails, with an average age of 3.8 years, only 0.2 per cent. had to be taken up.

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I have three patents for Dies, Machinery and Tools

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1866, and July 3, 1866. There is a special

claim on each of the dies. All persons in-

fringing on said patents will be held responsible to

the extent of the law. **Russell Jennings.**

Dear River, Conn., Sept. 7, 1874.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

Master Commissioner's

SALE.

CAMPBELL CHANCERY COURT, KENTUCKY.

The Trustees of the Gaylord Iron and Pipe

Company, plaintiffs, against The Gaylord Iron and

Pipe Company, defendants.—No. 1008.—In Equity.

By virtue of a judgment of said Campbell Chancery

Court, rendered at the September Term, 1876, in this

cause, the Master Commissioner will offer for sale

on the premises, to the highest bidder, at public

auction on

WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of

November, 1876,

At 11 o'clock, A. M., upon a credit of six, twelve and

eighteen months, the following described property,

to wit:

Lot No. 80,

In the manufacturing addition to the City of New-

port, Campbell county, Kentucky; said lot fronting

418 feet on the north side of Main street, extending

back same width to the Ohio River, containing the

Chamfered, Trimmed and Drilled.				
3/4	7/16	3/8	3/16	12
7/8	1	40 100	89	9
7/8	1	7 16	390	
1 1/8	1 1/2	7 16	487	
1 1/8	5/8	17 32	36	7
1 1/8	5/8	9 16	720	
1 1/4	3/4	62 100	280	6 1/2
1 1/4	3/4	74 100	600	
1 1/2	3/4	21 32	494	
1 5/8	7/8	35 32	197	
1 5/8	7/8	84 100	1185	6
1 3/4	1	7 8	84	

Washers.				
Width.	Thick-ness.	Number.	No. of lbs.	Price per lb. net.
3/8	3/32	15	130	15
1/2	5/32	18	170	14
7/8	1/4	12	133	6
7/8	3/8	3 1/2	155	
1 1/8	5/8	15	74	
1 1/8	5/16	9	169	5
1 1/4	9/16	9	29	
1 1/2	1 1/8	9	105	
1 1/2	5/8	4	128	
1 3/4	1 1/8	10	319	4 1/2
2 3/4	1 1/4	19	123	4

Log Screws.				
1/2	4 1/2	5	5 1/2	5 cts. per lb. net.
1 1/2	150	100	100	

Bolt Ends.				
1 1/2	1 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 cts. per lb.

BRITISH IRON MARKET.

(Specially reported by cable for The Iron Age.)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1, 1876.

Scotch Pig.—With weaker quotations a heavy demand has sprung up, and a large business has been done. The following are makers' quotations:

Guthrie No. 1	65
Coltness No. 1	68 1/2
Glenbrook No. 1	68 1/2
Eglinton No. 1	67 1/2

Manufactured Iron is quiet and steady, and a fair business is doing. Prices nominal.

Rails.—Quotations are nominal. There is a little better demand and a fair business doing.

IRON.

American Pig.—The tone of the market has changed considerably for the worse since the date of our last report, on account of the fact becoming known that the Allentown Iron Company have been selling quietly at \$21 for No. 1 Foundry, while the other companies were getting \$22. This has had less influence on the principal companies than might have been supposed, but it cannot be disguised that it has had a depressing effect on buyers generally. This reduction of price, together with the blowing in of furnaces that have been out of blast, is supposed to show that there is a profit in the article even at present low prices. The Thomas Company report the sale of 3000 tons Gray Forge and No. 2 Foundry, deliverable at Hoboken, at their option, at \$20. The price of Allentown and Poughkeepsie is \$21 for No. 1 Foundry. We quote Foundry No. 1, \$21 @ \$22; Foundry No. 2 and Gray Forge, \$19 @ \$20.

Scotch Pig.—The market here is more firm on account of the smallness of stocks, the advances from Glasgow, and a slightly increased demand here, incident to this season of the year. 150 tons Coltness, in bond, sold for export at a private price, and 200 Coltness, part at \$28 and part at \$28.50. We quote Coltness, \$28.50; Glenbrook, \$27 @ \$28; Eglinton, \$26 @ \$26.50.

Rails.—The market continues without much change, and certainly without improvement. There are some inquiries, but late sales have reduced the views of buyers to a lower point than sellers are ready to concede. We quote Iron, \$57 @ \$40, and Steel, \$50 @ \$52.

Old Rails.—Without sales to note, we continue our quotation of \$20 @ \$22.

Scrap.—The stock of Wrought Scrap continues light, but without demand, the market being about as last week. We still quote \$27 @ \$28 as the nominal prices.

METALS.

Copper.—This metal has slightly receded during the week, and from 21c. has ranged down to 20 1/2c., 400,000 pounds Lake Superior changing hands on the spot, closing at the inside figure. Nothing has transpired in futures. Baltimore may be quoted 21c., nominally. According to cable quotations received from London, Chili Bars had given way altogether 10/ from the highest previous point, closing at 47/6, while Best Selected had dropped 21, carrying this sort back to 483. English mail advices reach up to the 19th ultimo, and we extract therefrom the following passage: "Prices this week have been most irregular, different smelters' ideas of value being as much as 43 apart. Owing to the suddenness of advance, demand for the present is slack. The following are average rates asked: Tough Ingots, 482; Best Selected, 484; Sheets, 489." Much will depend hereafter on political affairs in the East. Opinions vary a good deal as regards the effect which actual war between Russia and Turkey would have on Copper and Tin; in England many intelligent metal merchants seem to incline to the belief that both these metals would improve, while most people here do not expect much change in either event. A general war in Europe could hardly do much good to any metal except Lead, but such a general war is by no means probable, even supposing that Russia resorted to this extreme argument to-morrow on her own account. No change has happened in manufactures, where we leave 31c. for Sheathing, and 32c. for Bolts and Braziers; Bronze and Yellow Metal Sheathing, 20 1/2c. @ 21c., and Yellow Metal Bolts, 26c. @ 28c., net cash.

Tin.—The stock of Straits and Malacca Tin in this market is considerably reduced, and in consequence thereof a tolerably firm feeling is noticeable, but the actual dealings have remained quite circumscribed. We quote at the close: Straits, 17 1/2c. @ 17 3/4c.; gold; English Refined, 17 1/2c.; do. Common, 17c., and Banca, 19 1/2c., all gold, large lots. At London, from 47 1/2 Straits has given way to 47 1/4, as per cable dispatch of to-day. The telegram adds: "Deliveries in October satisfactory, being 2121 tons in England and Holland." These large deliveries rather speak in favor of the maintenance of prevailing rates, inasmuch as there may be some prospect now of reducing the London stock. We shall soon have the statistics of Nov. 1 by mail, when we shall be better able to form a judgment. English mail reports are to hand to the 19th ult., and from them we clip the following passage: "After advancing £2 on last week's figures, Tin has lost £1 of the advance, and now rules with a weak market. Ingots (L and F), 47 1/2; Bar, 47 1/2; Grain Bars, in barrels, 48 1/4; and Granulated, 48 1/2; and Straits, 47 1/2." **Tin Plates.**—The market here continues in the same flat condition, and we quote, gold, per box, large lines, ordinary brands: Charcoal Bright, \$6.75 @ \$7; ditto Ternes, \$6.25 @ \$6.50; Coke Tin, \$6 @ \$6.25; and ditto Ternes, \$5.50. English advices per mail, dated 19th ult., are to the following effect from one source: "Some business has been done this week in Coke Tins, and nearly all the lots that were offering at bottom figures are now cleared off, and most of the needier makers filled up for the next two months. Other descriptions keep very dull, especially Charcoal Tins, for which there is little or no inquiry." From another source, a private letter, we obtain pretty much the same intelligence. It dwells with special emphasis on the same fact that the financially weak makers are now relieved of their stocks, and hence augurs well as regards the future, should there be the least bona fide revival in the general demand.

Lead.—Sales for the week have been confined to 100 tons Common Domestic on private terms. The quotation for actual business is 6 1/2c., currency. There is no change in the feeling of apathy which pervades the market for some time past. Common Foreign we nominally quote, 6 1/2c. @ 6 3/4c., gold. A sale of Soft Missouri is said to have been made at St. Louis at 5 1/2c., currency; freight to New York, 35c. The general tendency of the American markets is still a downward one. From England they write under date 19th ult.: "Lead has in the last few days become excited, owing to the more threatening reports from the East. Should the present floating rumors consolidate into reality, and a European war on a large scale ensue, prices must further advance. To-day holders are firm at \$21.5, less 2 1/2 per cent. on quay, for Spanish Pig; \$21.15 for English Pig, and \$23 for Sheet; these latter, as usual, free on board, less 2 1/2 and 1 per cent. Sheet, less the usual discount to the trade. **Spelter and Zinc.**—Domestic Spelter from second hands has sold at 6 1/2c., currency. The demand remains slack, and we nominally quote the metal 6 1/2c. @ 6 3/4c., currency, as to quantity and brand. The combination at the West was broken up some time ago. Foreign is nominal at 7c., gold, nothing transpiring therein. There are no further reports from Europe, and the supposition is that there is no change there. **Sheet Zinc.**—The market is quiet at 8 1/2c. @ 8 3/4c., gold, for Moselmann, and 8 1/2c. @ 8 3/4c., currency, for American.

Antimony.—This metal varies a good deal in price, according to the brands and quantities wanted; the demand is not active at the decline. A brand like "Cookson" cannot be had under 14 1/2c., gold. We quote the range of the market 14 1/2c. @ 14 3/4c., gold. The "Cookson" brand had temporarily given way at London to 255, but cannot now be had below 256.

COAL.

The trade the present week presents the curious feature of Chestnut Coal selling at auction within a few cents of the price of Stove, and it will be noted as a feature of the November prices that Chestnut is quoted only 25 to 40 cents below Stove, an advance of about 30 cents per ton over the previous quotations. This is owing to the fact that the demand for Chestnut has very largely increased by reason of the introduction of base burning and other stoves using this particular size. The supply has not been increased to meet this unexpected demand, and the price has advanced accordingly. Stove Coal is also in fair demand, though the prices quoted for this month are in many instances a trifle lower than those of last month. Other sizes show a decline in the demand, although in most cases no alterations have been made in the quotations. The retail trade in this city is pretty well supplied, and we hear that in some sections of the country, where Coal cannot be obtained in the winter, stocks are pretty full.

We are indebted to Mr. F. E. Saward for the following table of the auction sales for September and October. It will be noted that no Lackawanna Chestnut was put up at either of the sales:

PITTSBURGH.			
	Oct. 20.	Sept. 30.	
15,500 tons Lump	\$2.99 1/2	\$2.91 1/2	
3,100 tons Steamer	2.95 1/2	2.93 1/2	
30,000 tons Grate	2.93 1/2	2.91 1/2	
8,440 tons Egg	3.10	3.12 1/2	
61,900 tons Stove	3.85 1/2	3.84	
5,750 tons Chestnut	3.75 1/2	3.70	
SCRANTON.			
	Oct. 25.	Sept. 27.	
10,000 tons Steamer	2.96 1/2	2.93 1/2	
23,000 tons Grate	2.93 1/2	2.91 1/2	
30,000 tons Egg	3.25	3.23 1/2	
40,000 tons Stove	3.85	3.83 1/2	
5,000 tons Chestnut	3.81 1/2	3.78	
LACKAWANNA.			
	Oct. 26.	Sept. 28.	
5,000 tons Steamer	3.03	3.13	
30,000 tons Grate	3.07	3.20	
25,000 tons Egg	3.10	3.24 1/2	
30,000 tons Stove	4.04	4.10	

PRICES FOR NOVEMBER.				
	Lump.	Steamer.	Broken.	Stove.
Pennsylvania Coal Co., at New York, 65 cents per ton additional.				
Pittston	3.10	3.10	3.25	4.10

DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL CO., at Weehawken, N. J.

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SANDERSON BROTHERS' "EMIGRATION"
is still the subject of discussion here, and appears to have raised a little demon which the newspapers are determined to thrash to death. Mr. W. Mattieu Williams sends a letter to *Iron* in which he discusses the alternative theories as to whether Sanderson Bros. action may be termed "desertion to the enemy" or "carrying war into the enemy's camp." He accuses our people of profound ignorance of the first prin-

ciples of political economy," and in the course of a long disquisition argues that it is quite clear that English manufacturers of protected goods may gain by establishing branch factories in the United States, and pocketing the "fool's tribute," which would otherwise be appropriated by their American rivals. After that advice I suppose you may expect the Britishers to cross the Atlantic in search of sites by the thousand. In the meantime let us hear

WHAT MR. GLADSTONE SAYS

on the subject, he having been written to by the same persons, who a fortnight or so since obtained the opinion of the Earl of Carnarvon: The inquirers addressed the following note to Mr. Gladstone: "It has just been announced in the local newspapers of this place that, in consequence of the heavy protective duties of the United States proving almost entirely prohibitive to the export of cast steel from this country to these States, a Sheffield firm has transferred the whole of their American business to America, having started works for making steel near New York. This being so we beg to ask your opinion as to whether this may be considered a legitimate use of English capital, inasmuch as it will employ foreign workmen in a foreign country, and also whether you consider it would or would not be a fair retaliation upon the Americans to impose a tax upon such of their productions as are sent here and to our colonies." To these inquiries Mr. Gladstone, the acknowledged master of British finance, the friend of Cobden and Bright, replies: "The removal of capital and establishment to which you refer, however much they may be regretted, is made in the exercise of a legal power with which I have no title of any sort to interfere. Retaliatory duties such as that you mention are plausible in appearance, but I believe them to be condemned by all the greatest authorities among our countrymen of the present and of past generations." Evidently, then, retaliation is not favored by the leading British politicians of the day.

THE WEEK'S RAILWAY ACCIDENTS

have been on a somewhat disappointing scale to the blood-thirsty mind. Some of them have been incubated under the most favorable conditions, have had the best possible chances of succeeding as smashes, have been fostered by officialism and nursed by that good lady, Mrs. Carelessness, yet have in the most disappointing manner dwindled to the most insignificant of proportions. The passengers of course may have appreciated the results. You cannot account for the eccentric tastes of the public. At Lincoln, for instance, a pointman at a busy junction went off duty at night before the arrival of his successor, and in order to prevent the neighborhood from being annoyed by whistling he most thoughtfully placed the signals at safety. This foresight was of itself highly commendable, but the general effect of the arrangement was inconceivably spoiled by the next passenger train hurriedly endeavoring to disregard the existence of an empty wagon train on the same line of rails. Many persons still speak of the resulting collision in terms wholly unmingled with that calmness and heroism which is popularly supposed to characterize the human race. At a place called Bletchley, also, there was a desperate midnight encounter between a goods and an excursion passenger train, in which fight the passenger train was worsted with some little resultant maiming. Of other similar matters—which one may contemplate with a sort of fiendish enjoyment—I have not space to speak at length.

DYNAMITE AGAIN.

"To what base uses may we not come at last?" Here is our friend and ally, imperious and mighty dynamite, made use of by a drunken miner for suicidal purposes. So powerful an agent reduced from blowing up mines or tearing the rocks asunder to the ignoble rendering apart of a collier's limbs! Yet such is the fact, a miner named Duncan having committed suicide with it at Nithhill, Scotland, one day last week. A local newspaper thus describes the occurrence, which I take to be wholly novel: "On Monday afternoon he was seen coming out of his house with a parcel in his hand, described as being of about the size of a 2 lb. loaf, and to which was attached two pieces of collars' 'strum' or match. This parcel contained dynamite. Having procured a match from the house of a neighbor, to whom he remarked that 'they had said a great deal of him lately, but he would put it past them now,' Duncan went out into the street, and, putting the parcel down on the ground, leaned well over it. He then lighted the 'strum' with the match. At this moment some boys, attracted by his unusual attitude, came toward him. 'Keep back,' shouted Duncan, 'for the love of God! or you will be blown into eternity!' Thus adjured, the boys did keep back, and it was well for them that they did so; for a moment later there was a loud explosion, which startled the whole village, and Duncan was instantaneously blown to atoms. On the spot where the dynamite had been laid there was left a hole about 3 feet deep by 2½ wide."

SCOTCH PIG IRON

has remained "firm" throughout the past week, and all prices are well maintained in the face of a continuance of the previous good shipping demand. Despite these facts the stock in Connell's stores has been augmented by 1633 tons, the total now in those warehouses being 96,298 tons, an aggregate which does not, of course, include the stocks held by the makers themselves. Freight to American ports are unchanged.

Messrs. James Watson & Co. report (October 13) as under: "Our market during the past week has been very steady, business in warrants being done from 56/10½ to 57/3, cash, closing sellers at 57/1½, buyers 57/1, cash. Shipments last week were 11,903 tons, against 11,746 tons in the corresponding week of 1875." We quote:

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
G. M. B. at Glasgow	58/	56/	54/
Gartsherrie	58/	56/	54/
Coltness	58/	56/	54/
Summerlee	58/	56/	54/
Langloan	58/	56/	54/
Carnarvon	58/	56/	54/
Calder, at Port Dundas	58/	56/	54/
Glenarnock, at Ardrossan	58/	56/	54/
Eglington	58/	56/	54/
Dalmellington	58/	56/	54/
Shotts, at Leith	58/	56/	54/
Kinnell at Bo'ness	58/	56/	54/

are the prices of John E. Swan & Bros. (Limited) from 6d. to 1/ per ton under the foregoing.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

is somewhat agitated, so far as the operatives are in question, owing to the employers in the manufactured iron trade having given notice of a termination of the present rate of wages at the end of a year. The present rate of 8/3 per ton is the lowest that has been current for a period of ten years. The men naturally view the proposed further reduction with very great dissatisfaction, and will, in all probability, organize a resistance should the improvement of trade continue. The umpire in the Northumberland coal trade arbitration (Dr. Lyon Playfair) has just given in his award, which decrees a further reduction in wages of seven per cent. The employers demanded a drop of 15 per cent.

TRADES OF SHEFFIELD.

In the lighter branches of the principal trades carried on in this town and neighborhood, there is, if anything, even more satisfaction expressed at the improved state of affairs than

was the case when I last wrote, several of the leading cutlery and electro-plate manufacturers being now very well supplied with orders. This is also the case, to a more irregular extent, in the saw, tool and edge tool departments, some few of the manufacturers of joiners' and other edge tools being quite busily engaged. Other houses devoted to the same line of business complain of a slackness of work, and report that they have still very great difficulty in getting in their accounts. This, indeed, is the general outcry of the travelers out all over the country. They can now get a few orders, but money is as scarce as ever.

When I revert to the iron trade proper, I am not able to report in so favorable a manner, nor do my observations lead to the belief that any great change is at hand. In pig iron, as I remarked last week, there are a fair number of sales for the use of the local foundries and others, but the bulk is not heavy, nor are forward contracts the rule. Prices are steady. In the North Lincolnshire ironstone district, which is a feeder and valuable source of supply to the South and West Yorkshire manufacturers, dullness still reigns, the majority of the furnaces being out of blast. Matters are so bad, in fact, that a strong stream of emigration is going on from that part of the country.

In finished iron the end of the quarter and the unsettled state of the market, arising out of the possibility of an advance in quotations being declared at the Staffordshire quarterly meetings, have further limited the previously small number of transactions in the open market. Some of the works in the district, however, are producing a common bar at a very low price, one or two of the makers having recently disposed of parcels in the Lancashire market—inferentially for shipment—at appreciably under £7 per ton, delivered either in Manchester or Liverpool. Whether the price says or not is anything but clear, taking into consideration the costs of materials, labor and other prime charges.

In the armor plate departments there is only a moderate amount of work in hand. At the Atlas Works, John Brown & Co., Limited, the armor fort, citadel and other parts of the indubitable are in course of being made, the moldings for the rounded parts of the citadel having been received here this week from Portsmouth.

The trade report of the Leeds Chamber of Commerce for the month of September states that "the depression amongst the makers of iron continues, and there is, perhaps, even less disposition to give orders now than there was a month ago. In the locomotive trade orders are difficult to obtain. The machine makers have, with few exceptions, experienced a further falling off, and the tool trade continues without improvement. For cut nails a moderate demand prevails."

A few days ago Messrs. John Brown & Co., Limited, Atlas Works, Sheffield, successfully rolled an armor plate of the hitherto unprecedented thickness of 24 inches. When the roughs were cut off the plate was found to be in the most homogeneous condition, the iron used being of the ordinary fine quality. The thickest plate previous to the rolling of this was one 22 inches thick.

Some months ago I mentioned that a Leeds firm had arranged to begin making horse nails by machinery, with Swedish iron specially rolled for them here. The firm alluded to was Messrs. Greenwood & Bartley, of Leeds, who have now been working the machine—invented by Mr. Brundage, an American gentleman—for some little time. Each nail is struck 45 times by a steam hammer, a process which is claimed to impart to it a ductility equal to the hand-made article. The machine turns out about 90 nails per minute.

The Albion Steel and Wire Company, Limited, which came into existence in September, 1872, is now likely to be wound up. The nominal capital is £150,000 in 125 shares. The company lost over £73,000 during the first three years of its existence, and has almost always been before the public in a prominent manner by reason of the shareholders' meetings, and the strenuous efforts made some time ago with the view of putting the concern in a better position. These efforts appear to have failed, as on Friday last the directors issued circulars convening an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders, at which it was proposed to submit certain resolutions having for their object the winding up of the concern. This course is explained as having been necessitated by the legal proceedings recently commenced against the company by one of its creditors. On Tuesday another circular was issued by the company's solicitor, stating that, in order to prevent the creditor mentioned from obtaining a preference, a petition has been filed, and that an application will be made to the Vacation Judge on October 24th.

Some classes of house coal continue to "go up," nominally at all events. In one case I hear of an advance of 1/6 per ton, in another of 1/ and in a third 2/ per ton; but I greatly question whether, in any instance, the rise can safely be enforced, now that the market is so plentifully supplied. Steam and gas coal are unchanged. An order just promulgated by the Hull Dock Company, to the effect that no wagons other than those having "hopper" bottoms shall be used at those docks, has caused some indignation in South and West Yorkshire. At the present time not 10 per cent. of the wagons are so constructed, nor is that form of unloading prescribed at other docks, so that the coal owners are hardly likely to put themselves to a serious expense in order to suit the convenience of this particular board. The immediate result will be, I presume, a diversion of shipments to Grimsby, Goole and Keabley.

IN BIRMINGHAM AND STAFFORDSHIRE the chief events of the week have been the quarterly meetings at Wolverhampton and Birmingham. There was on both occasions a very large attendance of ironmasters, coal owners, manufacturers and others, but the shippers of the great ports were by no means numerously represented. There was no alteration whatever in prices, and exceedingly little business was transacted, especially on export account. Best bars, therefore, remained at £9 to £9 12/6, although good market iron was sold at £7 15/ to £8, and unmarked iron of varying qualities at £6 12/6 to £7 10/. There was a very fair demand for sheets, best plates and hoops, at prices ranging from £11 to £20 per ton, some of the medium kinds being rather easier to buy. In the hardware industries there is a more cheerful feeling, some of the colonies having just sent in very fair orders. The Indian market is also looking up, now that silver has become dearer, and opinions are freely expressed that the American trade would materially improve if Mr. Tilden were elected president.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Reports from these districts speak of matters in a very gloomy tone. At Tredegar men are being paid off, and most of the machinery is idle. Dowlais is busy in manufacturing iron and steel, almost all of which is going into stock. At Rhymney the steel works are making good progress. The coal exports are still on a large scale.

THE METAL MARKETS

have been steady all round, some prices having gone up. Copper wire has been advanced a half penny per pound. The quarterly meeting of the tin plate trade was held at Gloucester last week, and the trade was reported to be

greatly depressed. It was resolved to make no further alteration in prices at present.

The *Mining Journal* remarks: "Copper.—Immediately upon the announcement of the charters, which are only 1600 tons for the last half of September, the market became extremely active, and prices have been rapidly advancing ever since. One of the best and strongest proofs of the confidence possessed in the future of this metal may be gathered by the difficulty experienced in securing any large quantity, as the bulk of the stock is held off the market. It is stated, upon reliable authority, that one house alone—a wealthy banker, a millionaire, a second Croesus—holds about 17,000 tons, which is not much less than the stock in England and France put together, and, consequently, there remains very little obtainable elsewhere. To realize at present prices there can be no object gained, as better security for an investment cannot be had, and higher prices must follow, as consumers will be necessitated ultimately to enter the market. It is currently reported that there are only very light stocks in consumers' hands, and the only way to secure the copper is by paying the increased price and to avoid further loss. This should be done without hesitation, for the next statistical return at the end of the month will probably show a more favorable position than the last synopsis. There is no reason why copper should not be quite equal in value to former times, and taking ordinary periods the price has ruled from £80 to £95 per ton; but if the holder of the 17,000 tons continues to retain his present interest, and subsequent charters are small, the price will not stop even at £85. Wallaroo is becoming quite a funny article, and most difficult to buy at any price. Burra Burra and other fine descriptions participate in the advance, and are held firmly. We can only quote approximate prices, as the market is so very sensitive that sellers will leave nothing open. As prices get dearer the quantities for sale seem to diminish. The demand has suddenly overtaken the supply, and the consequence is a general rush to lay hold of anything that is available, and this is aided by a strong speculative feeling, which is not unlikely to drive prices at a quick and unexpected rate. Consumers instead of being caught bare of stock at low prices ought to have bought freely and secured all their requirements for some time to come, as the tendency of the market is onward. Lead.—The market is steady, but quiet. Prices have not undergone any material alteration. Quicksilver.—The price is the same as last week. Tin.—The demand is dull, and prices are easy. As the prices are exceptionally low, it is not improbable that orders will be coming forward more freely, especially as the advices from America regarding trade are so very satisfactory. Zinc.—This metal has taken another start in an upward direction, and there is little doubt that this time the advance will prove permanent. The whole stock in England and Holland is estimated at only about 1100 tons more than this time last year, whereas the price is about £12 per ton lower, or rather more than £1 per ton for every 100 ton increase. The accounts from Australia speak of the near exhaustion of many of the previous workings, and the considerable losses incurred by many of the miners; under these circumstances supplies will, no doubt, fall off while prices are so low. Consumers ought to take good care to get well into stock, but from all accounts they have brought very little as yet, and therefore, will have to follow as prices advance."

The following is the fortnightly circular of Messrs. Harrington, Horan & Co., Liverpool, October 14: "For the first few days of this month there was only a limited demand, but on the 6th considerable animation manifested itself, and the price of bars rapidly advanced 4s. to 4s. 6d. per ton. During the past fortnight about 6000 tons bars changed hands at £72 10/ to £77 10/ per ton; 250 tons Regulus at Swansea at 14/3; 450 tons to arrive there at 15/; 600 tons to arrive here at 15/; and 625 tons ore at Swansea at 15/ per unit, beside which 1300 tons Californian ore to arrive here sold at 15/3 per unit, and 300 tons Spanish precipitate at 14/ per unit. The buying has been very general, but there is now a pause in the demand, and prices have given way a little, but there is only a comparatively small quantity of copper available, as the principal importers are not sellers at present rates. Charters for the second fortnight of September were 1600 tons fine copper. At the Swansea sale on the 3d instant, 1853 tons ore, average produce 14 3/16 per cent. realized 13/11½ per unit. Quotations are:

	To-day.	Oct. 15, 1875.
Chili bars	£78 10/ to £77 10/	£82 5/ to £83 10/
" Ingots	£81	£80
" Ore and regulus	15/6 to 16/	16/6 to 17/
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	Ores.	Regulus.
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	681	4,567

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According to the Board of Trade returns, the total imports and exports into and from this country for the first nine months of the following years, were:

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Copper in Ores	5,486	6,086	8,326
" Regulus	9,513	11,419	10,369
Bars, Cast and Unwrought	25,730	31,482	29,829
In Pyrites, estimated	10,350	10,628	10,654
	54,979	59,623	58,579
	1874.	1875.	1876.
Exports			
English Copper—Wrought and unwrought	16,490	10,764	16,836
Foreign Copper—Unwrought	18,288	11,196	14,774
Yellow metal	10,577	10,418	9,305
	45,355	32,378	38,915

"Tin.—Market steady at £74 for Straits; £73 10/ for Australian; £78 for British, and £84 for Peruvian. Lead.—Market firm at £21 10/ for Ordinary Shipping Brands, and £21 for Spanish without silver. Spelter.—Market steady at £22 15/ for Ordinary Silesian Brands."

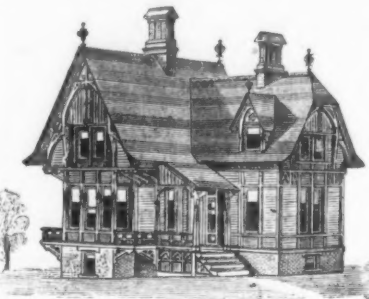
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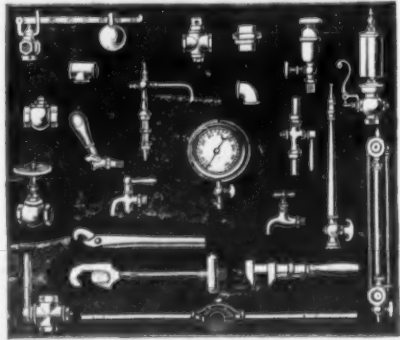
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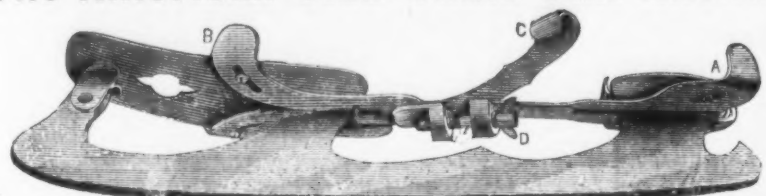
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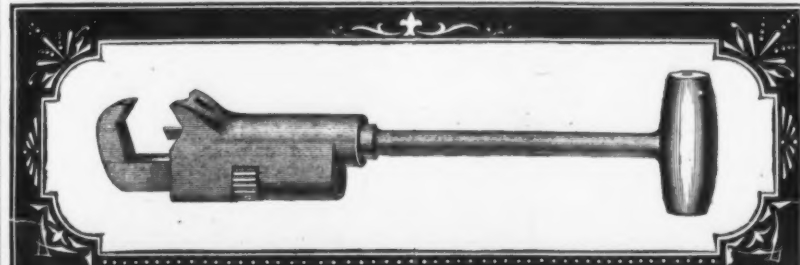
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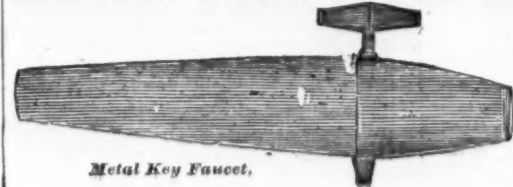
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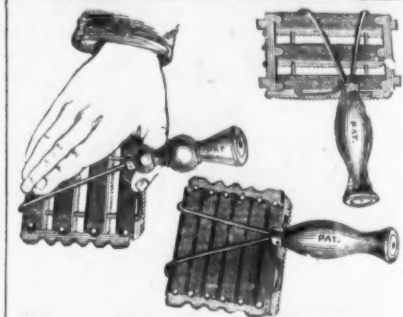
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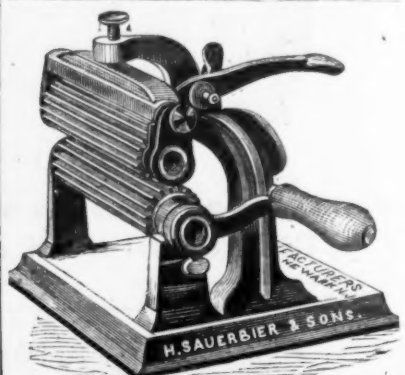
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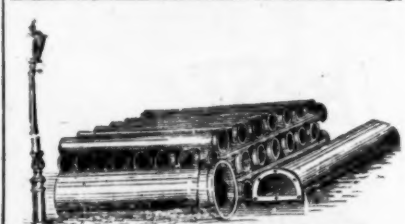


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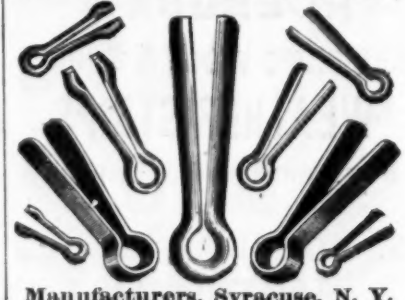
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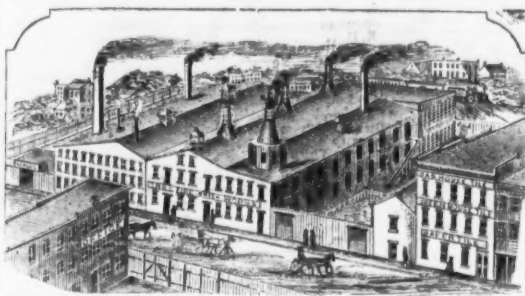


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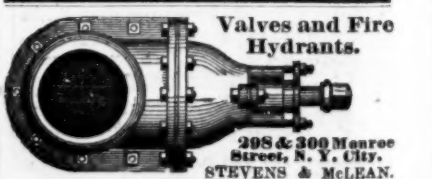
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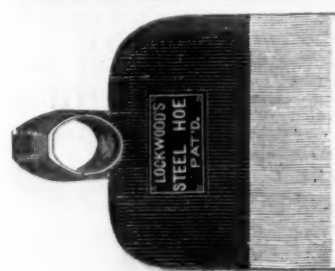


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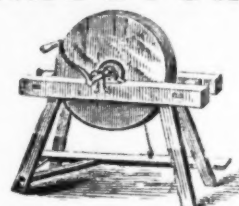
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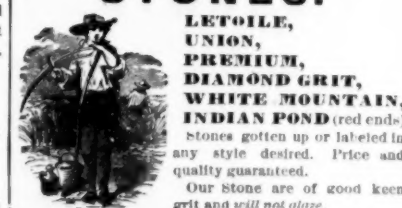
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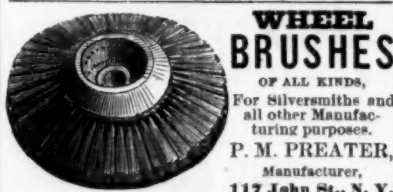
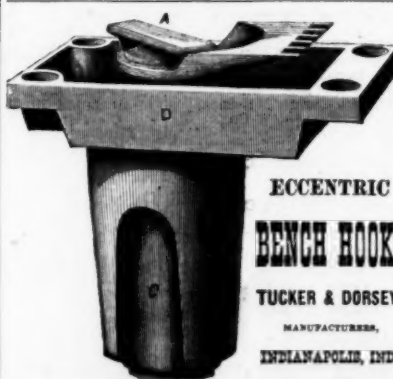
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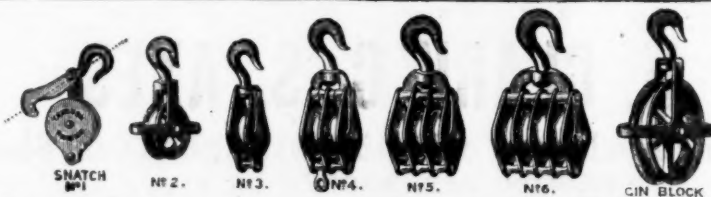
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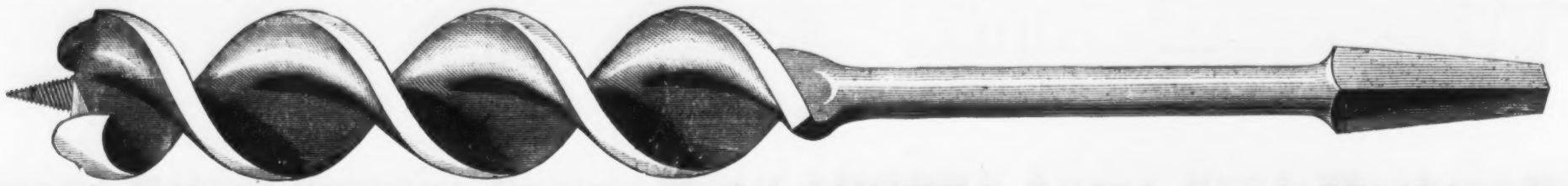
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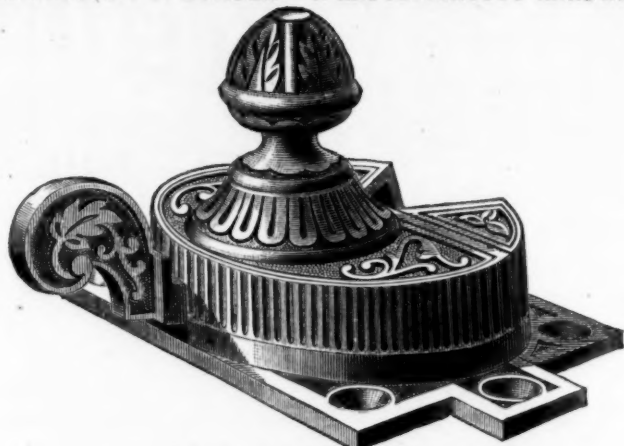
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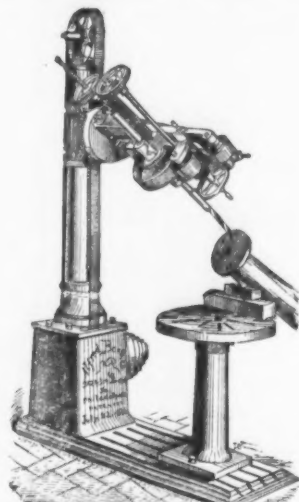
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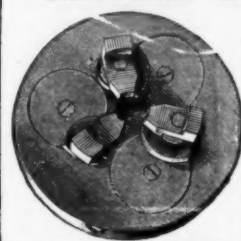
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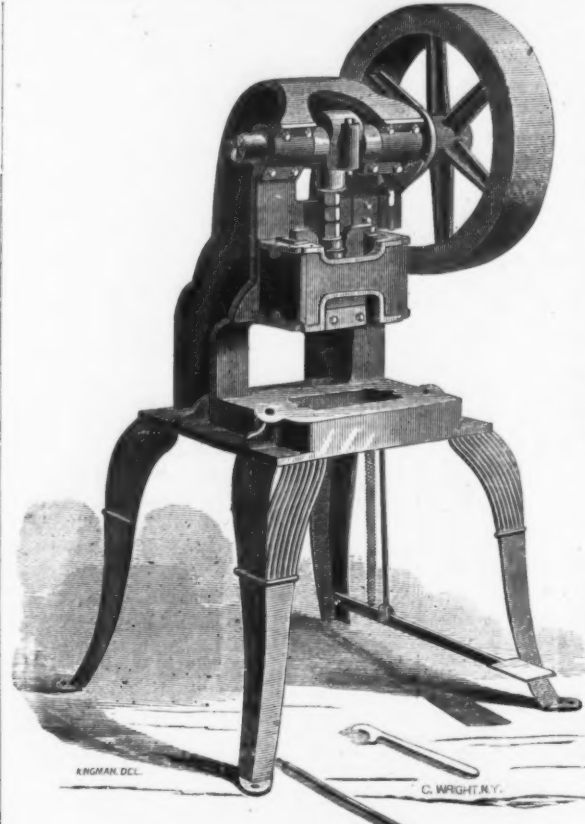
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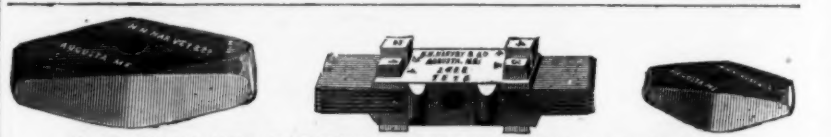
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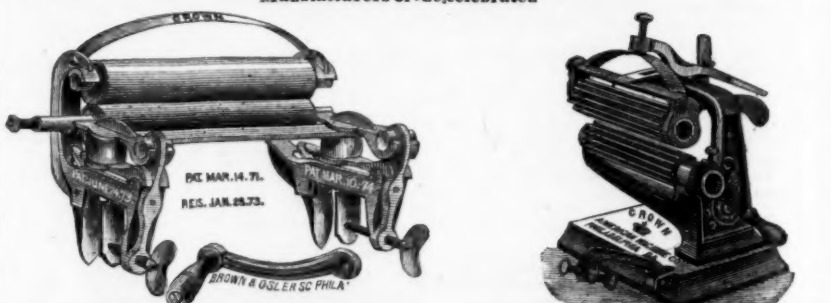


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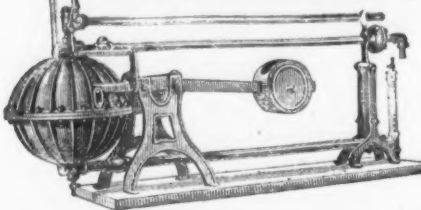
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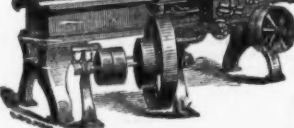
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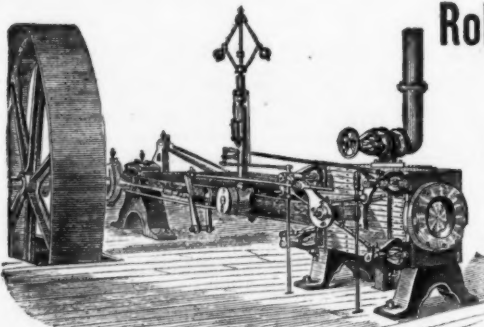
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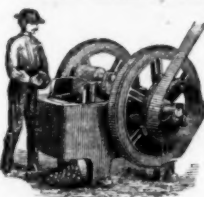
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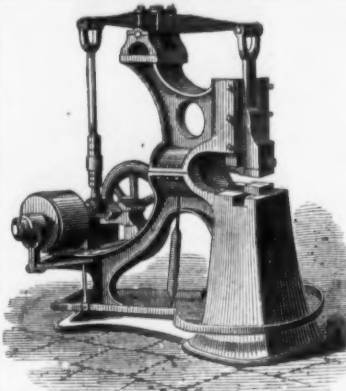
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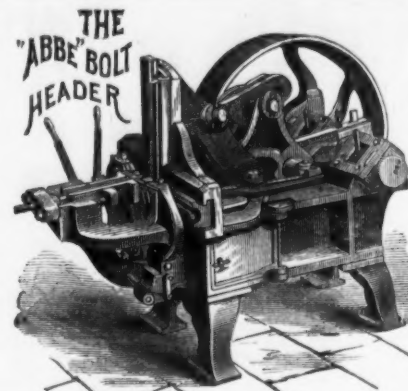
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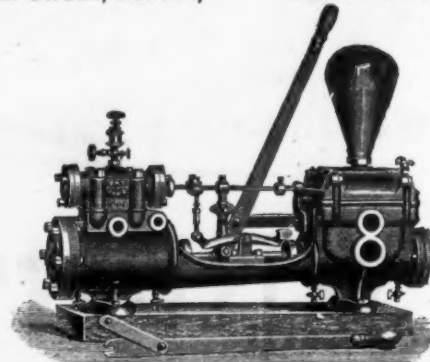
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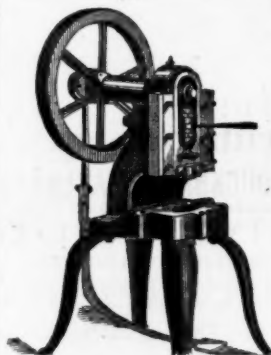
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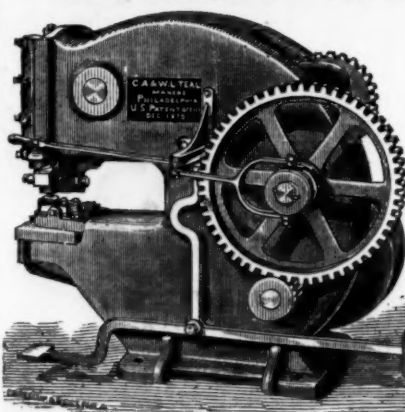
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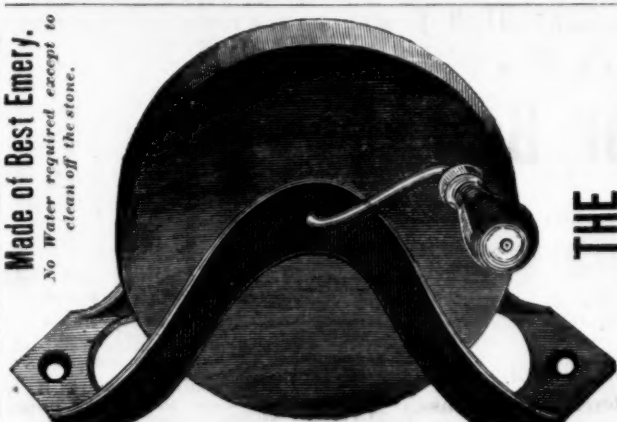
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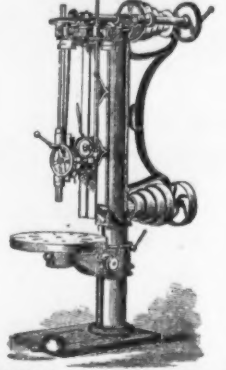


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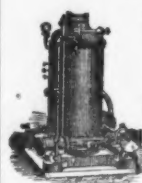
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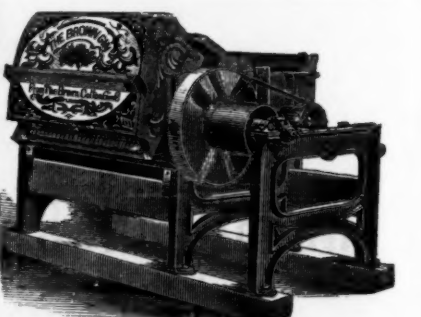
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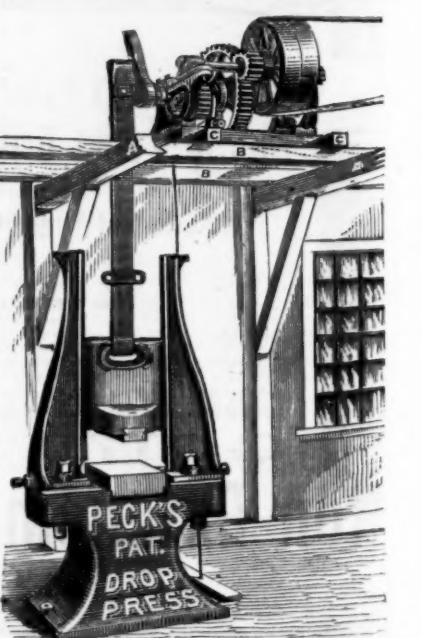
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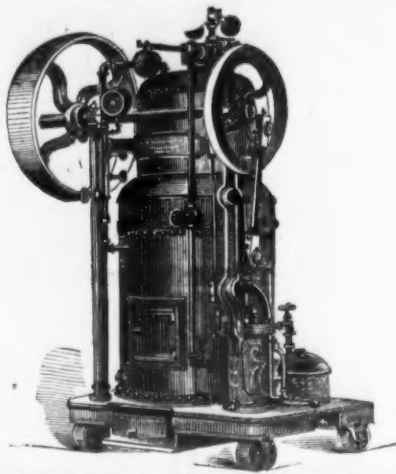
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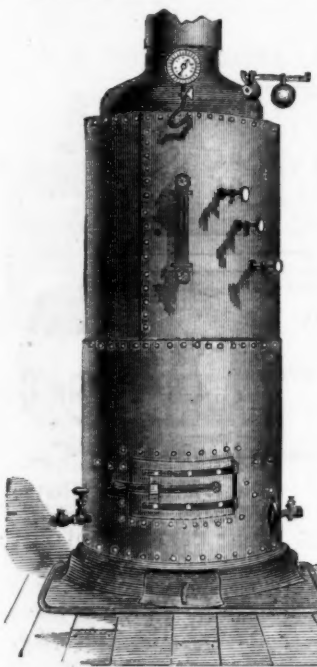
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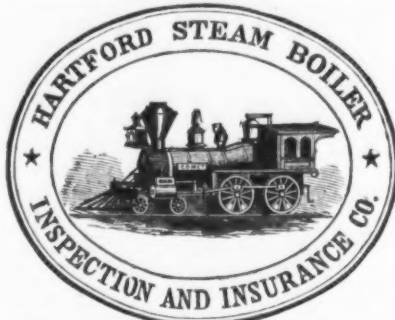
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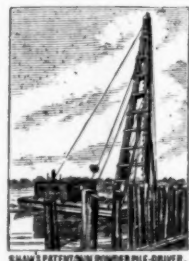
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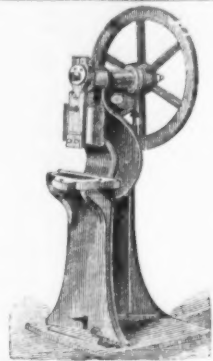
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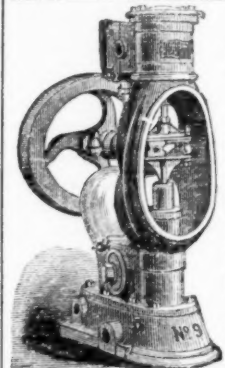
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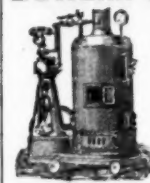


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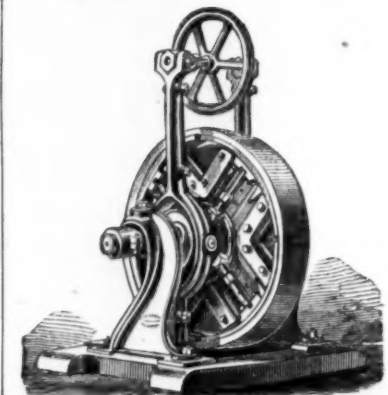
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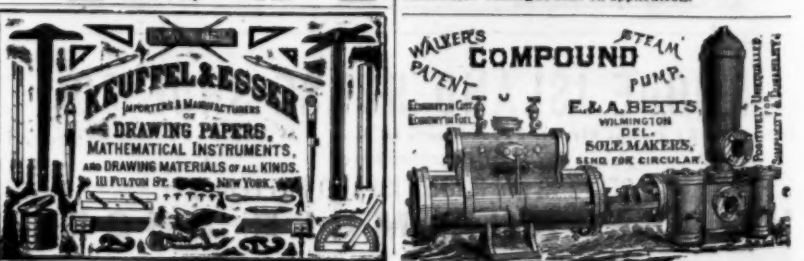
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